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# A Boy's World

The cover photo by Thomas Königsthal '74 on the front cover of this issue of *Veritas* is a fanciful depiction of what goes into a boy's head, including the important emotional element carefully placed there by a caring adult.

This image is intended to be an expression of the role of parents and faculty in creating a school program that meets the specific needs of boys.

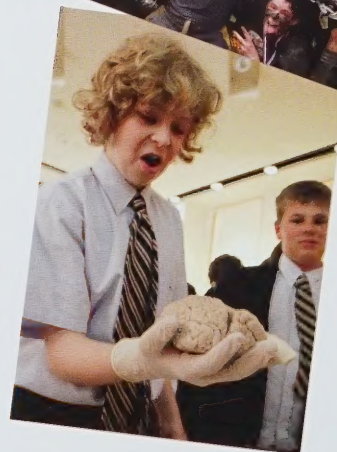
"Boys are magical, exciting, energetic, caring, loving and smart," says Headmaster Hal Hannaford. "We need to understand this and create a setting that will allow our boys to develop their strengths and deal with their weaknesses.

"In an all-boys environment, boys are not compared to girls, which helps preserve their self-esteem," Mr. Hannaford adds.

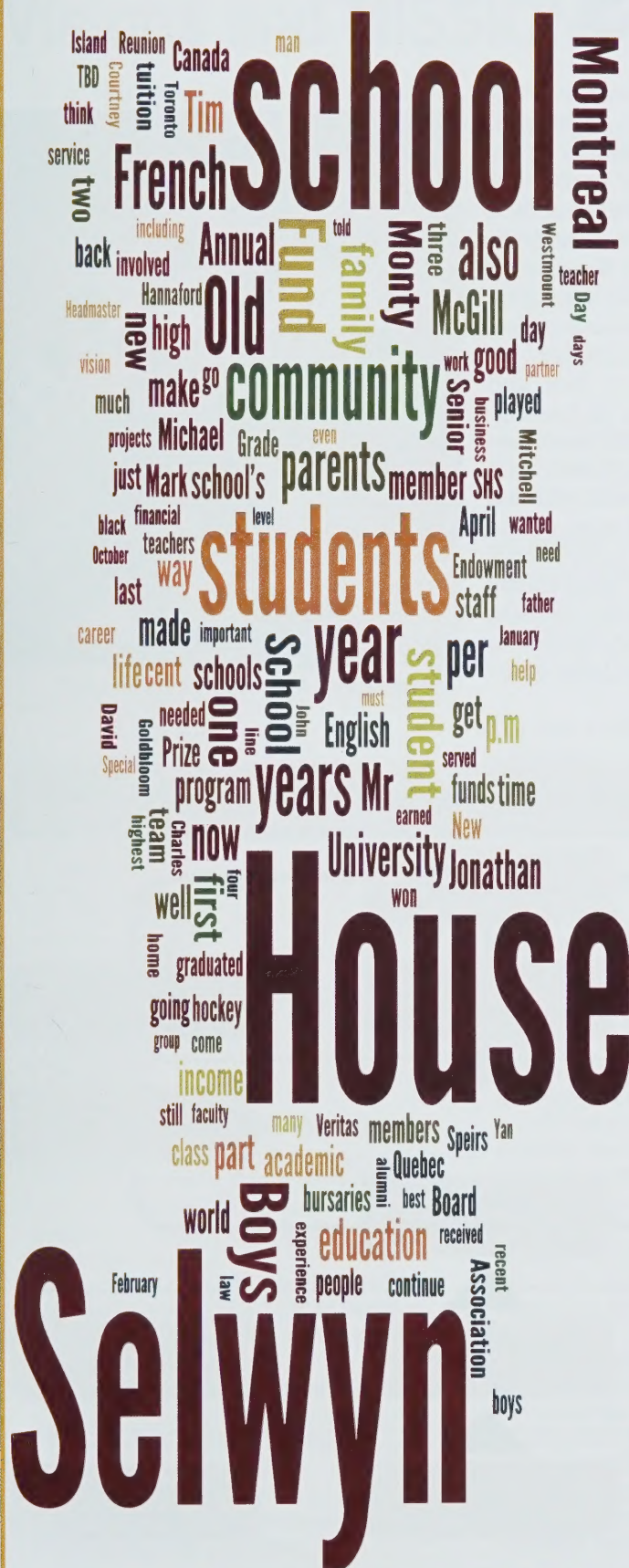
"...boys need to be taught how to access their feelings and emotions, whereas the current classroom setup in a coed environment is better suited to the neurodevelopment of girls.

"Without the presence of girls, the reality is that boys learn to bond with each other in their own unique way. They learn how to become friends, they learn the value of friendship, and they understand that the cultivation of lasting friends takes a great deal of effort. They develop their own personal empathy. Boys who attend all boys' schools tend to keep their high school friends for life."

And that's what *Veritas* is all about.



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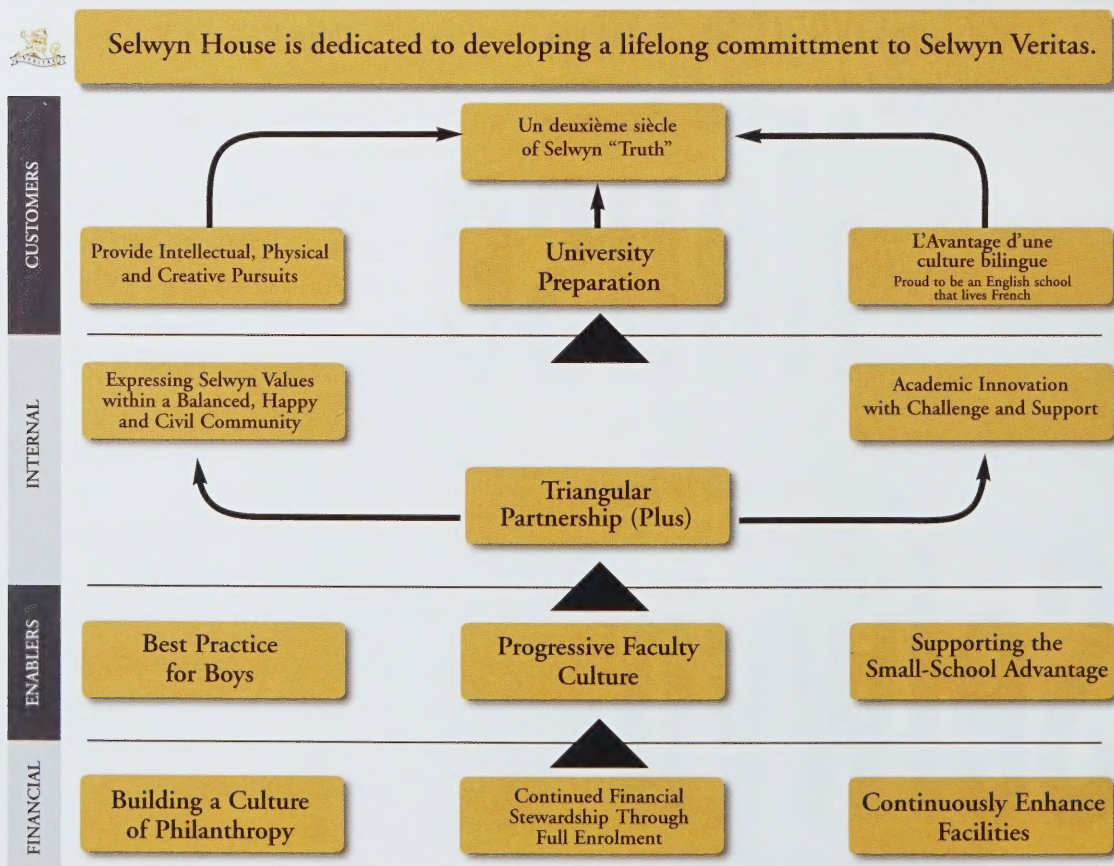
# Visions and MISSIONS

Leadership can be intensely complicated, primarily due to conflicting definitions of the term. There do, however, seem to be four elements of leadership that are difficult to omit from any definition: **vision, passion, trust and integrity.** And of these four, **vision** stands apart as the most crucial. It is difficult—almost impossible—to engage in any leadership role without a process to develop a clear **vision.** And once this process is complete, the **vision** needs to be articulated in a clear and consistent fashion.

It has been eighteen months (and I have now completed my first full year at Selwyn House) since my family and I embarked on our Montréal and Selwyn House adventure. Last year, I presented to our community a strategic map (see below) and I discussed the role of strategy in any independent school setting. As the dialogue continued, my own **vision** and **mission** for Selwyn House evolved to become apparent. In fact, if I may so bold, it has become quite obvious.



Headmaster Hannaford: Habs fan?



# Visions and MISSIONS

It is important to establish a clear direction for the school. We need to be sure where we are going, and we need to be able to describe ourselves as we exist today. Any **mission statement** or any attempt to create a **vision** is not about changing a direction; it is about solidifying a base, building upon past

strengths, and creating opportunities for future growth.

Included in this edition of *Veritas* is my idea for both a **Selwyn House Vision** and a **Selwyn House Mission**. It is an attempt to create, for lack of a better term, a brand for our school. This is not branding in any commercial, negative

sort of way. When we talk about Selwyn **VERITAS** we are respecting tradition and important values, and we are creating a goal for all future students.

Our **Mission** must reaffirm a belief in the value of a single-gender boys' education. It is not a statement of superiority; rather it is an indication that

we respect the advantages of an all-boys education, and we plan to be a leader in the area of *best practice for boys*. University preparation is what we are all about, and intellectual and academic preparation must co-exist with a physical, social, emotional and spiritual preparation.

Our commitment to the French language and culture is now a permanent and exciting element of Selwyn House. The simple fact that this commitment is stated within our **Mission** is proof of the value we place on this aspect. We, in fact, will continue to be an English school, but we will be an English school that lives French. Compassion, support, purpose, balance, and happiness make up the remainder of our **Mission Statement**.

Thus, everything we do must flow from these statements. Everything. Of course these statements must be continually reviewed and changed, if necessary. I invite all Old Boys to consider this **Vision and Mission** for Selwyn House. It is important to hear your feedback, and we welcome any comments at all. This dialogue must remain active. You need to understand where we are going and how we are going to get there. It is all starting, and I am certainly looking forward to leading Selwyn House through this exciting time. ■

## Vision & Mission

### Selwyn House Vision Statement

*To develop a lifelong commitment to Selwyn Veritas*

#### VERITAS:

- True to yourself
- Self-respect
- Self-confidence
- Self-awareness
- Self-advocacy

#### True to others

- Respect
- Empathy
- Compassion
- Kindness

#### True to your school

- Effort
- Commitment
- Passion

### Selwyn House Mission Statement

Selwyn House School is a CEGEP/University preparatory school for boys combining academic and program excellence, a dedication to the French language and culture, and a compassionate and supportive environment enabling boys to develop a balanced, purposeful, and happy life.

#### Selwyn House Commitments

- To the French language and culture
- To values of respect, responsibility and voice
- To boys' education
- To the guarantee of "Known & Loved"
- To Experiential Education

### Énoncé de vision de l'école Selwyn House

*Pour adhérer à Selwyn Veritas tout au long de sa vie*

#### VERITAS:

Devises personnelles

- Respect de soi
- Confiance en soi
- Prise de conscience de soi
- Affirmation de soi

Devises collectives

- Respect
- Empathie
- Compassion
- Bonté

Devises scolaires

- Application
- Engagement
- Passion

### Énoncé de mission de l'école Selwyn House

Selwyn House est une école préparatoire au cégep et à l'université qui combine une formation scolaire exemplaire et un dévouement marqué au français et à la culture française. Cet établissement pour garçons offre en outre un milieu de vie encadré et bienveillant permettant aux élèves le développement d'une vie heureuse, équilibrée et réfléchie.

#### Engagements de l'école Selwyn House

- Envers le français et la culture française
- Envers des valeurs telles que le respect, la responsabilité et la liberté d'expression
- Envers l'éducation aux garçons
- Envers l'application du principe "connu et aimé"
- Envers l'apprentissage expérientiel

# Jonathan GOLDBLOOM to receive SPEIRS

By Richard Wills, publications editor

On Founder's Day 2010, Jonathan Goldbloom '72 will become the fourth member of the Goldbloom family to receive the Speirs Medal, the highest honour that can be bestowed on a member of the Selwyn House community.

Having served on the board of directors since 2001, Jonathan has helped steer the school through some of the most important and challenging issues of its recent history.

Born in Montreal in 1955, Jonathan is the son of Speirs Medalists Sheila and Victor Goldbloom '37, and the brother of Former Board Chair and Speirs Medalist Michael Goldbloom '69.

Jonathan and his wife, Alice, met when both were working in politics. They became business partners until Alice elected to stay home and raise their children, Alexandra, now in Grade 12 at Lakefield College School in Ontario, and Matthew, now in Grade 10 at Selwyn House. Alice also served as Chair of the Board at The Study.

Over the years, Jonathan has served as Special Assistant to the Secretary of State, Senior Advisor to the President of Canada Post and President of Phone Market, a Provigo subsidiary. Jonathan served as Vice President and General Manager of Optimum Public Relations before launching Jonathan Goldbloom & Associates Strategic Relations in April of 2007.

A communications specialist, Jonathan managed in 2006 Bob Rae's bid for the leadership of the Federal Liberal Party. He led the successful 2005 campaign to keep the Shriners' Hospital in Montreal, as well as a campaign to grant psychologists the right to diagnose children with autism, thus eliminating delays in treatment.

For Selwyn House, Jonathan led the committee to find a replacement for retiring Head Will Mitchell, helped organize



Jonathan Goldbloom '72

graded every 2-3 weeks in every course. You had an essay every second weekend. There was a real discipline to it. It was rigorous. It's still rigorous, but it was much less creative and much less fun then.

"Another positive change is that French wasn't part of the fabric of the school then, and it is now. In those days French was just taught as a course. It wasn't integrated into any other feature of the program.

"To think that 60 per cent of the faculty in the Elementary School would be first-language French would have been out of the question in those days.

"Today, a student has the chance to come out of Selwyn House functionally bilingual and having the option of staying in Quebec. That is very different than my graduating class.

"It was a different approach to education then. I think Headmaster Speirs probably knew our names, but I was Goldbloom II, not Jonathan. There was a greater divide between the teacher and the student than there is now. There wasn't the same warmth that there is today.

"We have seen the successful transition from a very rigid, English private school to one that was more open and more diverse.

"But despite the transition there's a consistency at Selwyn House. The standards are still high, the demands on students to meet those standards are still in force, and there are high expectations. What has changed is that there is a better

"The school has changed dramatically. It's still rigorous, but it was much less creative and much less fun then."

the conference on Educating Youth for Global Responsibility, and guided the school's response to the accusations of sexual improprieties on the part of former teachers.

Jonathan recalls his school days at Selwyn House fondly. "I started at Selwyn House in 1960," he says. "I think we were the first Grade 1 in the Lucas Building.

"The school has changed dramatically. When I was here it was still a very British school, with that sort of discipline. You lined up on the golden line to go down to lunch. You were

# Jonathan GOLDBLOOM

support system to help that child meet them.

Scheduled to graduate from Selwyn House in 1972, Jonathan left school unexpectedly in October 1970. "My father was a member of the Bourassa Cabinet at the time of the October Crisis," he recalls. "On the Sunday after the day Mr. Laporte was discovered, my father came home and said the decision had been taken by the Cabinet that my mother and I had to leave. My brother and sister were already going to school in Boston, and it was unclear when we would be able to come back, so the decision was taken for me to go to Milton Academy just outside Boston.

"When Matthew started to Selwyn House it rekindled my interest in the school. I became involved on a professional basis in terms of developing a strategy for the fundraising campaign for the new facilities and the endowment, and I have always been involved in marketing and communications at the school, taking an interest in the strategy and overall direction of the school in that way as well."

On behalf of the Quebec Association of Independent Schools (QAIS), Jonathan led the conference on challenges facing downtown schools, as well as the 2010 conference on the teaching of French. But, since 2002, the greatest part of his time has been spent guiding Selwyn House and the QAIS in their response to Bill 104, which limited the number of Quebec children who are eligible to attend English schools.

"On a practical level," he says, "if schools like Selwyn House don't get access to a larger demographic body, they are destined to shrink." This, he says, would affect not only their viability, but also their student diversity.

"I think we should be putting forward the case that our schools are no longer a barrier or a threat to the French language."

"When I started at Selwyn House in 1960, you could count the French-speaking Quebecers on one hand. Today we have students from all ethnic backgrounds, which makes the school what it is today.

"It brings together people from different communities and builds bridges between them. That diversity has made Selwyn House stronger. Unless we succeeded in getting Bill 104 changed we weren't going to be able to maintain that. And that would have been tragic for the community at large and for Selwyn House.

"What I think has evolved or changed in Quebec society since Bill 22 in the 1970s to today is that the English-speaking community that is here is open-minded about the French language and increasingly comfortable in French, and that we



Jonathan with Matthew and Alice at Shave to Save

want our kids to be bilingual. That level of linguistic peace is there.

"We're not a 'bridging school,'" Jonathan insists. "When Bill 104 was passed there were no kids who came here for one year and got a certificate for that child and his siblings and then went on to a public school. We couldn't find one kid who had done that. So we were saying that it was unfair to categorize us as *une école passerelle* and that we needed access to these kids for our institutions to continue."

After the Supreme Court struck down Bill 104 last year, the Charest government introduced Bill 103 in order to eliminate "bridging schools" while still allowing additional access to English schools.

"We still have to look at all the details, but in principle Bill 103 provides us with access to an increased demographic," Jonathan says. "If a child comes here for three years and applies for a certificate, in 90 per cent of cases that child will get a certificate.

"I think we should be putting forward the case that our schools are no longer a barrier or a threat to the French language, that at Selwyn House in the Elementary School up to 60 per cent of your son's education is in French. We need to get out there and tell people what Selwyn House is, and that it's not the Selwyn House of my generation.

"We have to promote the positives. I've had the privilege of working with the faculty on a number of things, and you learn from those situations how competent and committed people are. Their commitment to knowing the students, having fun with the students and being part of the school echoes at all levels and on all floors of this building. So that's what makes Selwyn House a really great school." ■

# TIFF now Sr. Deputy GOVERNOR

In February it was announced that Tiff Macklem '78 has been appointed Senior Deputy Governor of the Bank of Canada for a term of seven years, effective July 1, 2010. Tiff has thus made another major step toward the top of Canadian government advisors on finance at an interesting and challenging time. As the man in charge of Canada's role in the G8 and G20 global financial organizations, Tiff takes over on the heels of the June G20 conference in Toronto that was dogged by protests.

He is also involved in planning government measures to stem the global economic crisis that followed the U.S. subprime mortgage crisis that began in 2008. Tiff admits that financial regulators underestimated the danger of the crisis, and that government advisors were scrambling to come up with measures to avert another Great Depression.

Still, in May 2008 he found time to travel from Ottawa to take part in Selwyn House Career Day.

After leaving Selwyn House, Tiff earned his bachelor's degree in economics from Queen's University and a master's degree and PhD in economics from the University of Western Ontario.

Tiff was appointed Associate Deputy Minister of Finance in November 2007 after having served as Deputy Governor of the Bank of Canada since 2004. He joined the central bank in 1984 and served in several senior positions, including Assistant Chief of the Research Department, Research Adviser, and Chief of the Research Department.

As associate deputy minister, he was Finance Minister Jim



Tiff Macklem at Selwyn House Career Day 2008

Flaherty's right-hand man on international financial matters.

His new appointment puts him back at the Bank of Canada, where he is often seen as a prime candidate to take over the governor's job one day.

## Changing the world one mind at a time

If Selwyn House students were surprised to find in the Wanstall Library a lengthy article in last summer's issue of *Discovery* magazine about the work of Karim Nader '84, they shouldn't have been.

After all, the McGill University neuroscientist was named to the *Globe and Mail's* "Top 40 Under 40" list in 2006, and was picked by *Forbes* magazine in 2007 as one of 10 people who could change the world.

But if Karim really wanted to establish his cred with SHS students, he could mention that the 2004 Jim Carrey flick *The Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* was based on his work.

The gist of Karim's groundbreaking research is that memories are not etched in stone, that they are recreated every time they are called into consciousness. With the aid of drugs, the emotional component of a painful memory can be separated from the intellectual component and reduced in its intensity.

After treatment, a painful past incident can still be recalled, but the accompanying pain is lessened.

Karim's research is seen to have enormous potential in treating persons with conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder and obsessive-compulsive disorder.





Thursday, November 25, 2010:

# Founder's Day

Cocktail reception for all constituents

6:00 p.m. Coristine Hall

The Board of Directors and the Headmaster of Selwyn House invite you  
to celebrate the founding of the school  
and to honour the 2010 Speirs Medal recipient,

**Jonathan Goldbloom '72,**

who has served the school on the Board of Directors since 2001.

Thursday, November 25, 2010

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Selwyn House School

95 Chemin Côte St-Antoine

Presentations will begin at 6:45 p.m.

Spouses and guests are most welcome.

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres & refreshments (cash bar)

RSVP by Nov. 19 via the Online Event Registration button at [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca)  
or contact Mary Ann Cloherty in the Advancement Office, 514-931-9481 ext. 2294 or [cloherty@selwyn.ca](mailto:cloherty@selwyn.ca)

# SHS expands BURSARY PROGRAM



By Richard Wills, publications editor

**W**hen Bryce Durafour graduated from Selwyn House School in 2004, his yearbook message ended with Robert Frost's famous line about taking the road less travelled.

Indeed, Bryce could have followed the beaten path through his high school years. But, rather

{ "At Selwyn House, we believe that a world-class education should be available to more than a select few." }

than allow financial constraints to limit his possibilities, he took advantage of the Selwyn House Bursary Program, which made it possible for him to attend a school that challenged and inspired him. Upon graduation, he won the school's highest awards, was a class prefect, and

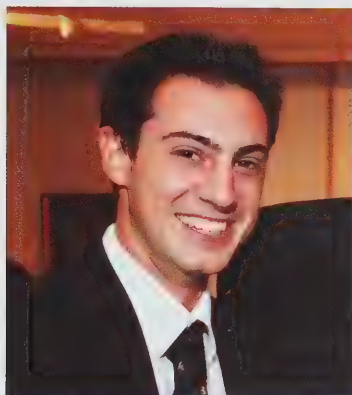
excelled in robotics, drama and athletics. In 2005 he made his mark in politics by running a credible campaign for mayor of Montreal before he was even old enough to vote.

"My family knew about Selwyn House but had never really considered it for me, as the tuition was quite steep," Bryce recalls. "When I was in Grade 8, we heard through a friend about the Bursary Program, and so I applied. I visited the school, and was impressed with the learning environment that I saw. I was thrilled to be accepted and then to later learn I had been awarded the Conrad Harrington Scholarship."

Bryce went on to make the Dean's List at Marianopolis, earned a B.Sc. in Honours Microbiology and Immunology at McGill University, and is now completing his M.Sc. in Neuroscience at the Montreal Neurological Institute.

His is only one success story that has come out of the Selwyn House Bursary Program. Some of the brightest students at the school come from families who might have thought they could not

# BURSARY PROGRAM



Bryce Durafour 2004



Julien Dumont 2006



Raja Talla 2009

afford to send their sons to such an exceptional school.

**Julien Dumont** graduated from Selwyn House in 2006 having won awards in every sport he signed up for. He went on to Phillips Exeter Academy prep school and is now in his second year at Bryant University in Rhode Island on a football scholarship. He credits the Selwyn House Conrad Harrington Memorial Scholarship for opening doors for him. "I definitely wouldn't

and member of the Cum Laude Society, Raja also made his mark in robotics, drama and sports.

Had it not been for the Conrad Harrington Scholarship, Raja would never have become associated with Selwyn House, and it would have been a loss for both.

Today, Selwyn House is expanding its program of needs-based bursaries to ensure that boys at the high-school level have greater access to one of Montreal's premier independent schools. "We are committed to benefitting from as diverse a student body as possible, and to making our school accessible to deserving young men regardless of their family's financial means," says Headmaster Hal Hannaford.

"At Selwyn House, we believe that a world-class education should be available to more than a select few," Mr. Hannaford says. "We want to open our doors wider to the greater Montreal community, and ensure that the highest-quality education does not have to be prohibitively expensive. While we are maintaining our high scholastic standards, these bursaries are being awarded on the basis of financial need, rather than academic merit."

Because of changes in the school's financial structure and increased endowment levels, Selwyn House can now offer up to 15 substantial bursaries for students at the high-school level, each of which can cover up to 50 per cent of tuition costs. The bursaries are available for students entering Grades 7 through 11 for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Students and parents interested in applying to Selwyn House and taking advantage of the bursary program should contact Admission Director Nathalie Gervais at 514-931-2775 [admission@selwyn.ca](mailto:admission@selwyn.ca). ■

"There's no way I would have applied to a prep school without Selwyn House, and I certainly would not be where I am today."

have been able to take advantage of the opportunities at SHS without it," he says.

His family saw an ad for the scholarship and decided to apply. They took a school tour and Julien was sold by the small class sizes and "serious and competitive" athletic program. The boost to his academic career was a life-changer for him. "There's no way I would have applied to a prep school without Selwyn House," he says, "and I certainly would not be where I am today."

**Raja Talla** walked away from Selwyn House graduation in 2009 with awards in science, math, French, "original and creative thought" and the highest grade average in his class. This quiet, unassuming young man was described by the Senior School Head as "a model student, consistent, hard-working, smart and respectful...who will go to extreme lengths to obtain bonus marks, even when he already has 100 per cent on the test in question." A prefect

# SHS grads succeed in FRENCH



William Martin-Chin 2004

By Richard Wills, publications editor

Regardless of whether a young man is totally francophone, totally anglophone, or a blend of the two, the academic program at Selwyn House can prepare him to continue his schooling, his career and his life fully in the language and culture of Quebec.

As the premier French-language CEGEP in Montreal, Collège Jean-de-Brébeuf is known for its academic rigour. In recent years, Brébeuf has begun to attract more Selwyn House graduates, who leave SHS as fully prepared to tackle the French curriculum as their classmates who attended French high schools.

{ "At Selwyn House we were taught that we can pretty much go anywhere and have a fair chance of succeeding." }

William Martin-Chin 2004 grew up in NDG and Westmount in a totally anglophone household. "We spoke absolutely no French at home," he recalls. A naturally bright student, he excelled in French at Selwyn House and found himself promoted to Langue Maternelle. "I thought it was a mistake at first," he admits.

Encouraged by Mme Johanne Werbiski, William chose to go to CEGEP at Brébeuf, where he continued to place in the top 10 per cent of his

class, doing especially well in subjects that required a thorough knowledge of French.

"It was good experience," He says. "It opened me up to a new way of thinking. Now I'm richer for it. I can partake in both worlds."

William graduated in health sciences and went on to earn a degree in civil engineering at McGill, making the Dean's List each year. He is now back at McGill in a bilingual law program that encompasses both civil and common law. "You have to be able to cope with French being used in the classroom," William says, crediting Selwyn House for preparing him for such an enriching journey.

William Pridham-Leroux 2009 didn't speak a word on English when he started Kindergarten at Selwyn House. He says his parents had chosen SHS for him because it is "The best English school in Montreal—if not in Quebec—and my parents wanted me to get a good base in English."

He graduated as an honour student and went to CEGEP at Brébeuf. He plans to continue his studies at the Hautes Études Commerciales.

"Selwyn House is evolving, changing, becoming more bilingual," he says.

Yan Besner '96 grew up in Westmount; his father is French Canadian; his mother from France.

"My parents would say I was an anglophone when I was growing up," says Yan. "I would be spoken to in French and I would respond in English. I always understood that French was my mother tongue, but I needed to be taught grammar and that sort of thing."

# SHS grads succeed in FRENCH



William Pridham-Leroux 2009

"I learned through the SHS French program how to properly read and write in French."

Yan also studied throughout high school with Johanne Werbiski. "She was great," he recalls. "She had us reading at levels that were commensurate with the literature that francophone kids were studying in their high

schools.

"I went to Brébeuf for the same reasons I enjoyed Selwyn House," he says. "The teacher-to-student ratio and the passion of the teachers for learning was something that I wanted to continue having, because I had embraced that at SHS for 11 years. I chose Brébeuf based on that, not based on the language of instruction.

"At Selwyn House we were taught that we can pretty much go anywhere and have a fair chance of succeeding.

"Those two years at CEGEP were the toughest two years of schooling I've had," Yan says, "tougher than law school, which followed right after. Without Selwyn House I would not have been able to tackle it, that's for sure. But the preparation was there, and I highly recommend it.

"Since Selwyn House I have not studied in English," Yan says. He earned his law degree at the Université de Montréal and is now a partner with the firm of Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP in Montreal. "The legal profession in this province is predominantly francophone," Yan says. "To work right now in this city you have to have a strong level of not only bilingualism but also biculturalism, and this is especially true for anglophones.

"At 16 or 17 the world becomes much larger when you break out of your niche neighbourhood, and there was a whole new sense of a culture that I wasn't so much in touch with, irrespective of my family background," Yan says. "To have a completely bilingual and bicultural school and to be exposed to that much younger is definitely a plus." ■



Yan Besner '96 in the Alumni Golf Tournament

# FOUNDER'S DAY

## Will Mitchell receives Speirs

By Richard Wills, publications editor

**F**ounder's Day 2009 was a day to honour Will Mitchell for having led Selwyn House through nearly a quarter-century of unprecedented growth—a day of high praise for a man who insists he was just doing his job.

Mr. Mitchell, headmaster from January 1985 through December 2008, becomes the 31st person to receive the Speirs Medal, the highest honour bestowed on a member of the Selwyn House community.

At an all-school assembly in the morning of November 26, Mr. Mitchell described himself to his former students as “a fan of teachers.”

“Good faculty makes good schools,” he said, obviously proud of his former faculty for the

grateful to the outstanding chairs I worked with: Tim Carsley, Tom Birks, Craig Shannon, Michael Goldbloom, John Hallward and Ted Claxton.”

Each of those persons, would, no doubt, return the thanks to Mr. Mitchell for having maintained an exemplary personal standard of fair play that has always been his strongest leadership quality.

“Anything I have been talking about in regard to moving the school forward, to the value of good teaching and to the need for generous volunteers would not, as my father used to say, ‘amount to a hill of beans’ if things are not done with caring and fairness, and integrity,” said Mr. Mitchell.

He then bid farewell to his extended family, saying he looked forward to a week of golfing in Scotland, a gift from the school on his retirement.



**Former Headmaster Will Mitchell (left) receives the Speirs Medal from Board Chair Ted Claxton.**

{ “All of us—students, parents, teachers and alumni—benefit from Will Mitchell’s dedication.” }

“informal purposefulness” they display in their style of teaching. This approach, when coupled with a high degree of student engagement, results in a program of “twenty-first-century learning at its best,” he added.

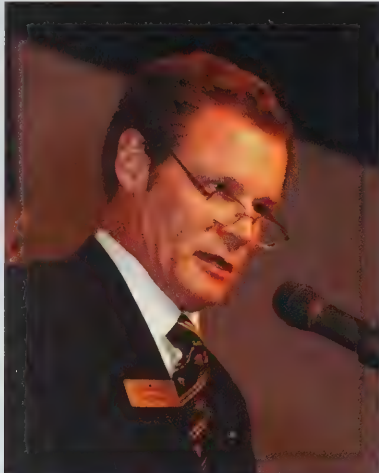
Speaking to 250 parents, alumni and staff at the evening reception, Mr. Mitchell reiterated his belief in the importance of teachers, but also praised two other vital constituencies of the school—the volunteers and parents.

“The primary volunteers are the members of the Board of Directors,” he said. “I am especially



**Prosanto Chaudhury '91 and former teacher Geoff Dowd toast the school.**

# Founder's DAY



**Headmaster Hal Hannaford**



**Will with former Speirs Medalists, from left: Jim Iversen, William Daly '52, Rob Wearing, Ellen Pinchuck, Michael Goldbloom '69, Bryan Fitzpatrick '74, Will Mitchell and Tim Carsley '52.**

"None of the recipients of the Speirs Medal is more deserving than Will Mitchell," said former Board Chair Michael Goldbloom, himself a past Speirs Medalist.

Current Board Chair Ted Claxton stressed the importance of increasing the presence of French language and Québec culture in the life of Selwyn House.

Headmaster Hal Hannaford appealed to the school community to continue to celebrate and promote the advantages of a boys' school, and praised what he called "the unbelievable passion the Old Boys have."

"Stay involved in your school," he urged all his constituents. "Stay emotionally involved."

Old Boys' Association President David Skinner announced the names of five deceased staff members who were being honoured for having given 25 years of service to the school. They are: Christian Isabel Markland, Charles T. Anstey, Edgar Charles Moodey, Frederick Gordon Phillips and Afra Snead.

Five persons were added to the list of Honorary Old Boys for their service to the school. They are: alumni parents Sandy Martz, Nori Churchill-Smith and the late Valerie Brooks, plus retired Senior English teacher Kathi Biggs.

For more photos, visit [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca). ■



**Will with Board Chairmen, from left: Tim Carsley '52, Craig Shannon '71, Will Mitchell, Ted Claxton '73, John Hallward '78 and Michael Goldbloom '69**



**From left: Andrew Powell '45, Lise Powell and Frank Nemec, alumni parent**

# Get in the habit of giving. HALLWARD tells students

By Richard Wills, publications editor

“We’re going in the wrong direction,” John Hallward ’78 told a group of Selwyn House Middle School students on January 6.

People in the developed world today function more as isolated individuals and less as members of a community, he said. He urged the students to buck this trend, and rediscover the personal and community benefits of charity and volunteerism.

This is the message of GIV3, a program developed by John in 2008 and adopted by his family’s Hallmount Foundation. GIV3 urges everyone to donate three per cent of their income to charity and volunteer three hours per month.

“In the last 150 years, life has gotten a lot more complicated,” he said. “We have entered into a new world of wanting.”

He asked the students whether their lives had been significantly transformed by the gifts they had acquired over the holidays. His aim is to make young people think about the difference between needing and wanting, and to get them into the habit of giving back to their community.

John describes himself as a businessman who is passionate about philanthropy. Members of the Selwyn House community know him as a member of the SHA board for ten years (chairman for the last five), as well as having served on many of the school’s fundraising and endowment boards.

Since founding GIV3, his marketing expertise has been directed less toward profit and more toward human values.

“Happiness is part of our evolution.” He said. “If we didn’t have it, it would be a rough life.” But, how happy are we?

He cited a survey that rates Canadians at number nine in a global happiness index. The more affluent U.S. ranks as



**John Hallward speaking to Selwyn House Middle School students in January**

number 16.

Which are the happiest countries in the world? First is Denmark, followed by Puerto Rico and Colombia. Clearly, it’s not a matter of money. Colombia’s GDP per capita is only one-sixth that of Denmark, and far below the U.S. Poverty breeds misery, John admits, but once people have acquired a comfortable living, additional wealth adds nothing.

While money can’t buy happiness, giving to others can. John says medical studies show that focusing on the well-being of one’s family or community does foster personal happiness.

How do Canadians measure up in philanthropy? The median amount of charitable donations in Canada is \$120 per year, only half that of the U.S. Fewer than 50 per cent of Canadians volunteer as much as one hour per month.

“We have to get out and teach people to give more, John says. “Those who are taught to be philanthropic continue to give more throughout life.”

After Mr. Hallward’s talk, the Middle School students discussed their own experiences of giving back to their community, a subject some of them are also passionate about.

Courtney Prieur, Director of Community Service and Student Leadership announced a student contest designed to promote a spirit of philanthropy. Middle School students in each Teacher Advisory Group wrote and videotaped a 30-second public service announcement (PSA) on any community-oriented subject they choose. Senior students in Mr. Bedard’s Media Studies class helped the MS boys with the technical aspects of their video. The finished videos were judged in February. The winners received a cash donation to be given to their chosen charity: The Humane Society.

For more information, visit [GIV3.ca](http://GIV3.ca). ■

# Experience = education

By Richard Wills, publications editor

Courtney Prieur, Director of Community Service and Student Leadership at Selwyn House, began her January 21 presentation to the Selwyn House Parents' Association with a Chinese proverb: "Tell me, and I will forget. Show me, and I may remember. Involve me, and I will understand."

This is the essence of experiential education, a concept that is catching fire in schools, colleges and universities.

It's not entirely new. The back-to-school outdoor trips Selwyn House students take each fall are examples of experiential education. But it is also increasingly seen as a way to make course content more relevant to students' lives.

Experiential education seeks to increase student motivation through active hands-on engagement that is relevant to the student, personally challenging and self-guided, includes a vision of responsibility for one's self and others, and provides opportunities for reflection on what is learned, says Courtney.

This could mean theme-based outdoor education in which each student becomes an expert on a chosen topic of natural science. Or it could be community service projects designed to connect students to their social group, their community and their world.

For Senior students, this could include building projects in the developing world, or visits to local seniors' homes. For Elementary students it could consist of field trips to learn more about their city.

But Courtney stresses that the goal should be service learning, rather than simply community service. Not only to teach civic responsibility and promote a sense of community, but to enrich a student's learning experience.

"Service needs to be an exchange, a reciprocal relationship," Courtney points out. "It's all about helping students learn about themselves and develop real-life skills from experience."

Furthermore, these activities have to be undertaken for their own reward, and not merely to fill an academic requirement. "Students start by building their CVs, and somewhere along the line they catch on and find their passion," says Courtney.

Leadership activities are also a type of experiential learning. At Selwyn House, Senior School students are increasingly asked to take responsibilities for planning



**From left: Cairn Tse-Lalonde, Eric Vincelli-Gregory, Charles Jo, Christian Buchanan and Jake Mullan organized a morning coffee shop at school that raised \$2000 that will help supply coffee to Canadian troops in Afghanistan.**

events like their Winter Carnival. If things don't go as planned, that, too, is a lesson learned. "It doesn't have to be perfect," says Courtney. "That's all part of the experience."

"Schools that have an aggressive leadership program have a much safer environment," Stu Saunders told Selwyn House teachers. A leadership motivator who has spoken to millions of students throughout North America, Stu gave a talk to SHS students on February 1 that was a hit with Grades 7-11.

Encouraging uninvolved students to become fully engaged in school life can tap an enormous source of school spirit, he says, describing Selwyn House as "a school that is dying to do stuff."

Courtney wrapped up her talk to parents with a challenge to help students "connect to a public purpose" through their school activities: "What are our kids doing now to make the world a better place, and what are they learning about themselves while doing it?" ■



**Stu Saunders talks to SHS teachers**



Keith Martin 2002

# KEITH carries the OLYMPIC TORCH

**O**n February 12, Selwyn House Old Boy Keith Martin 2002 joined such luminaries as Arnold Schwarzenegger, Michael Bublé and Rolly Fox, father of Terry Fox, in carrying the Olympic torch through the streets of Vancouver on the final day of its 106-day journey to BC Place Stadium for the Opening of the Winter Olympics.

"It was amazing!" says Keith. "More than 50 family and friends came out to watch. It was an absolutely surreal experience. I got about three hours of sleep the night before; I was so excited I couldn't sit still all morning before."

"I am very honoured and privileged to have had the opportunity," Keith adds. "It is an experience I will never forget, and I am very happy to have been able to share it with so many people who were watching live, online, and on TV."

## School publications archives now online

A large collection of Selwyn House publications from the past are now online in a searchable database.

Members of the SHS community can now go to the website listed below, choose a publication and read it online, print selected pages, or search the publication for a name or other keyword.

Publications online include yearbooks, back issues of *Veritas* and *Parents' Newsletter* magazines, programs from

events and plays, student newspapers and donation reports.

Soon, the site will allow for global search, so that one can search for a keyword throughout all publications at once.

If anyone has a copy of a missing document, please lend it to the school. We can scan it to add to the database, and return the hard copy to you. Go to:

<http://www.archive.org/details/SelwynHouseSchool>

# TUITION just doesn't COVER IT

By James McMillan, director of advancement.

**T**uition just doesn't cover it? How is that possible? The tuition at Selwyn House is one of the highest for an independent day school in Montreal.

The following is a brief look at Selwyn House School's income and expenses and how the Annual Fund, the Endowment Fund and Special Campaigns make a significant difference to each student and his family.

Financial statements used for this article are from the 2008-09 school year, because figures for 2009-2010 were not available until after this issue of *Veritas* went to press.

## Revenue

In the "revenue" section of the chart on page 20, the first line of income is tuition and other school fees. This accounts for 81.3% of the school's total income. The Lucas Fund accounts for 2.3% of the total income and these two represent the charged fees to attend the school. So, only 83.6% of the income, \$9,169,668, comes from the school's tuition fee. The remaining 14.4% must come from sources other than tuition.

Government grants account for 11.7% of school revenue. Ancillary Services (Revenue from the Argyle Shop, the After-School Program, and the Focus Program) and Other Revenues make up 1.6% of the revenue.

The last portion of revenue, 3%, is received from The Veritas Fund, which is the registered charity that holds and invests the proceeds of the fundraising efforts of the school. It has its own board of trustees and is chaired Tom Birks '61. The Veritas Fund primarily supplies the funds for the school's bursaries from the interest that is earned on its investments.

The key point I wanted to make here is that if the school wishes to add or enhance any of its programs, renovate or create new facilities, buy new equipment, or add any other type of expense, it can only do it one of two ways: increase tuition or increase its other revenues.



been received and designated for a budgetary use.

## Expenses

Human resources are the most predominant and important cost of running a school, and this is reflected in the proportion of expenses that are designated to attracting and maintaining the school's faculty and staff. Human resources costs are equal to 60.5% of all hard income, or 74.4% of just tuition and school fees. (See chart on page 21.)

The next largest expense is related to curricular expenses (7.4%), followed by technology (6.1%), food services (5.7%), building maintenance (5.5%), administrative (5.5%) and other capital expenses (5.1%). At the bottom of the list are bursaries (3%) and professional development (0.7%).

These expenses are equal to 122% of income from tuition and other school fees. Clearly, there would be a shortfall if it were not for income from other sources.

How then, if tuition fees are only increased a minimal amount each year—and most of that increase is designated towards human resources—can the school keep improving its program, offering new challenges to its staff and students, offering more bursaries and trip fund assistance, renovating its facilities (e.g. Macaulay renovation, summer 2010) and paying rental for off-campus athletic facilities?

"The concept of philanthropy is an integral part of the Selwyn House life."

Hard income is income that the school knows is coming in from fixed, reliable sources. Tuition, Argyle Shop, the After-School Program, the grants from the government and those from The Veritas Fund and the Lucas Fund are considered hard income.

Proceeds from fundraising efforts such as the Annual Fund, Endowment Fund and Special Campaigns, are not included in the hard income during the year that they are being raised, but can be included in the next year's hard income if the cash has

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## The answer: philanthropy

The concept of philanthropy is an integral part of the Selwyn House life. Our students learn from a young age about the benefits of helping one other, their families and those in their community who need a hand. Participation in major organized events such as the Terry Fox Run and various cancer awareness fundraisers, bringing in food for shelters, volunteering in the community, taking part in national and international volunteer projects (e.g. trips to Peru or Kenya to help build facilities or provide needed services) are but a few of the projects that help our students understand about the happiness and well-being of others. Selwyn House parents play a large role in this as well, as they encourage their sons to participate in many of these activities.

In addition to volunteering, philanthropy often includes a donation of funds to help a person or organization achieve their goals, and this is where the Advancement Office at Selwyn House spends much of its time. There are three main fund-raising activities that are promoted at Selwyn House: the Annual Fund, the Endowment Fund and Special Campaigns.

## The Annual Fund

Every year, an Annual Fund drive is initiated to ask all members of the Selwyn House community (including current parents, parents of alumni, alumni, staff, and friends of the school) to make a gift to the school. The size of the gift can be small or large, and the donor has the option of designating the gift to a specific cause or purpose outlined in the Annual Fund appeal. In many cases, the Annual Fund is a large contributor to the school's ability to provide the extra funds needed for professional development, to help with needed renovations, or assist a student project during the year. The focus of the Annual Fund is to strive for the highest participation level from each constituent group, and then continue to do so every year.

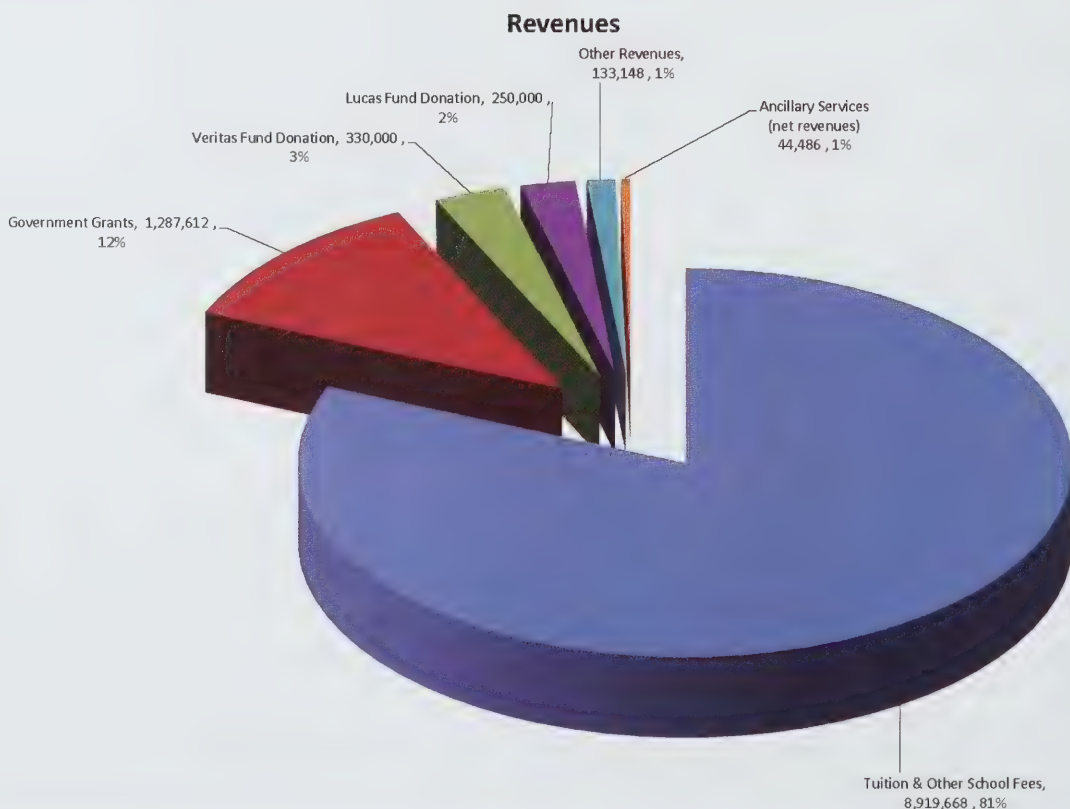
## Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund, which is monitored and invested by The Veritas Fund, is

where the school gets its funds for bursaries each year. These funds are invested so that the principal is protected for a minimum of ten years and only a portion of the interest earned each year is used for bursaries. The Veritas Fund allocates 5% of interest earned for bursaries; any interest above that amount is reinvested.

The current value of The Veritas Fund is \$7.7 million and, including pledges made until 2014, the value will be \$10.2 million. The school's goal is to reach \$20 million in the Endowment Fund. Some of the funds raised to build the Endowment Fund are received via the designations of donors to the Annual Fund; however, the majority of the funds raised for endowment come from pledged gifts, usually over a five-

<b>Revenues (*1)</b>	<b>\$\$\$</b>	<b>% of Hard Income</b>
<b>Tuition &amp; Other School Fees</b>	8,919,668	81.3%
<b>Government Grants</b>	1,287,612	11.7%
<b>Veritas Fund Donation</b>	330,000	3.0%
<b>Lucas Fund Donation</b>	250,000	2.3%
<b>Other Revenues</b>	133,148	1.2%
<b>Ancillary Services (net revenues)</b>	44,486	0.4%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>10,964,914</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



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year period. Donors are generally approached by other donors and asked that, in addition to their making an Annual Fund contribution, they make a larger gift to the Endowment Fund, usually over a period of five years or less.

## Special-Needs Campaigns

A special-needs campaign is one in which the school raises funds for a specific cause, for example, the "Making Room for the Future" campaign, where funds were raised to build the Speirs Building and renovate the Lucas Building, or the Centennial Endowment Campaign, whose focus was to build up the Endowment Fund. These campaigns were short-term campaigns with specific targets and goals.

There is an opportunity being presented to Selwyn House by the City of Westmount whereby Selwyn House would contribute to the city's plan to build a new double-pad arena and pool complex where the current Westmount Arena is located. This partnership would give the school access to the arena for its skating and hockey programs and reduce the amount of time needed to travel to other arenas that we have rented around Montreal over the years. The exact details of this plan are still in the proposition stage; however, we are hopeful that this opportunity will come to pass and give Selwyn House this much-needed facility.

When the discussions are completed, we will most probably create a focused Athletics Campaign to generate funds for this opportunity and for some other athletic needs at the same time. We will let everyone know about this opportunity when it has been finalized.

## Tuition Just Doesn't Cover It?

This is actually true; however, the Selwyn House community (which in addition to our current parents and students, includes our alumni, parents of alumni, staff of Selwyn House and friends of the school, as well as

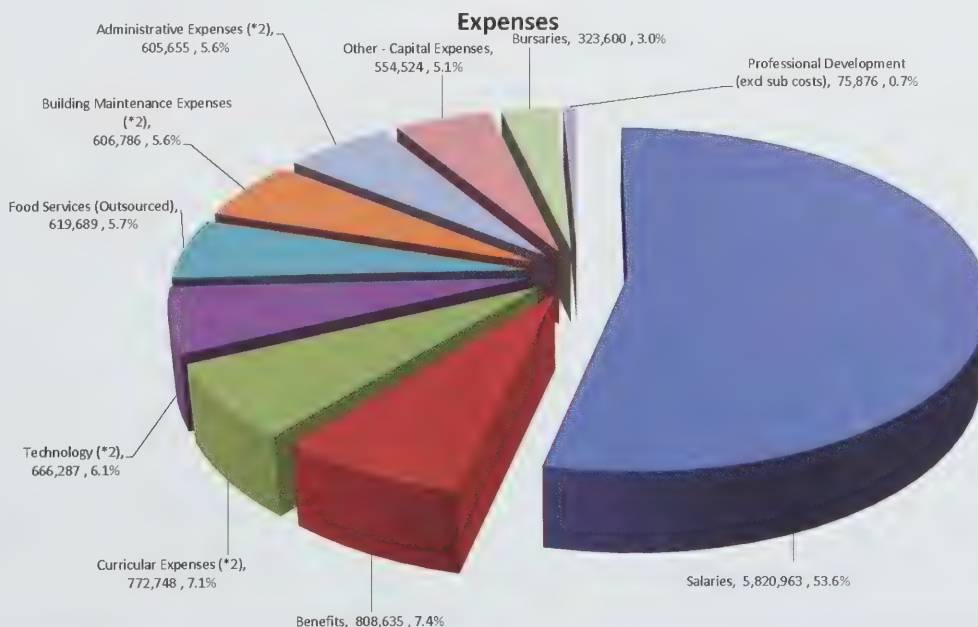
companies and foundations) continues to support the school. Through the generosity of our community, Selwyn House continues to grow and create new and stimulating programs for our staff and students, building endowment to increase bursaries, offer financial assistance for trips, and continue to upgrade and add to the school's facilities. All this while keeping tuition increases as low as possible. ■

		% of Hard Income	% based on Tuition and school fees only
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>\$\$\$</b>		
Salaries	5,820,963	53.1%	65.3%
Benefits	808,635	7.4%	9.1%
Curricular Expenses (*2)	772,748	7.0%	8.7%
Technology (*2)	666,287	6.1%	7.5%
Food Services (Outsourced)	619,689	5.7%	6.9%
Building Maintenance Expenses (*2)	606,786	5.5%	6.8%
Administrative Expenses (*2)	605,655	5.5%	6.8%
Other - Capital Expenses	554,524	5.1%	6.2%
Bursaries	323,600	3.0%	3.6%
Professional Development (excl sub costs)	75,876	0.7%	0.9%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>10,854,763</b>	<b>99.0%</b>	<b>121.7%</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>110,151</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	

### NOTES

(\*1) Excludes amortization of deferred revenues related to capital expenses and capital project.

(\*2) Excludes salaries & benefits



# Record-breaking Reunion Montreal

By Richard Wills, publications editor

**T**he 31st Annual Selwyn House Old Boys' Reunion, held at the school on October 2, was a record-breaker, with 126 Old Boys, plus 41 staff and guests, in attendance.

Class by class, the figures were even more impressive. For sheer numbers, the boys of '99 outdid all previous gatherings, with 34 class members (55 per cent) present out of 62 graduated alumni.

Percentage-wise, the Class '74 did even better, with 21 in attendance (57 per cent) out of a total of 37 surviving graduated members.

The Class of '59 also put in a remarkable showing, with six members present (35 per cent) out of a class with only 17 living graduated members.

The oldest Old Boy at the reunion also travelled the farthest to attend. Dr. Doug Huestis '39, came all the way from his home in Tuscon, Arizona for the event.

Old Boys from this year's official anniversary classes (1959, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1999 and 2004) were very active in recruiting classmates to attend the 2009 reunion. The school's website, Alumni Directory and Facebook page have increasingly become the way to get the word out about school events.

Lee Watchorn '59 gave the toast to the School and the Old Boys' Association (OBA), now celebrating its 55th year.

David Skinner '82 President of the OBA, acted as Master of Ceremonies for the evening, leading the association members through the perfunctory annual general meeting. The following were retired from the Old Boys' Association Board of Directors: Raymond Ayas '95, Velos Christou '92, Mark Palayew '76, Charles Porteous '84 and Ben Wearing '94.

Matthew Beckerleg '94, Charles Bierbrier '93, Thomas Konigsthal '74, Geoffrey Moore '83,



Dr. Doug Huestis '39 with Charles Chaffee '54



Top: the Class of '59; bottom: the Class of '74

# Montreal Reunion 2009



Kyam Shell 2001, David Skinner '82, Anthony Zitzmann '89 and Past President Fil Papich '77 were re-elected to the board for 2009-2010.

Newly elected members are: Yan Besner '96, Sean McKinnon '98, Bart Sambrook '79, Ben Spencer 2000, Jason Tsoukas '99.

After the buffet dinner, Coristine Hall was transformed into a pub, where Old Boys enjoyed the camaraderie before dispersing into smaller groups to continue the celebration into the night and throughout the weekend.

Though it can't be mathematically proven, the smiles on the faces in the room proved that the evening was an immense pleasure to all who attended.

For more photos, visit [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca) ■



Top row, left: the Class of '79; right: the class of '84.  
Middle left: the class of '89.  
Bottom left: the Class of '99; right: the class of 2004.

# Chapter Reunions Calgary

Fifteen Old Boys, guests, staff and former staff members gathered at The Ranchmen's Club on October 14, 2009 for the annual Calgary reunion.

Attending were:

Irene Buckland  
Michael A. Byers '55  
John A. Drummond '68  
Sebastian C. Gault '82  
J. T. Gray '73  
Hal Hannaford  
Geoffrey Lehman '43  
James F. McMillan

Elissa E. Meadow  
James M. Meadow  
Donald M. Skelton '69  
Andrew D. Weldon '73  
Laurie Weldon  
Timothy T. Yates '58  
Jonathan S. Zyto '80



From left: Laurie Weldon, Andrew Weldon, Jonathan Zyto and Headmaster Hal Hannaford

# Vancouver

Twenty-eight Old Boys, guests, staff and former staff members gathered at the The Watermark Restaurant on October 15, 2009 for the annual Vancouver reunion.

Attending were:

Robert P. Aguayo '82  
P. D. Ball '82  
W. M. Bélanger '94  
Noah M. Bloom '96  
John K. Carsley 1967  
Leonard W. Colman '84  
David A. Doyle '84  
Peter A. Govan  
Hal Hannaford  
J. E. Hooton '81  
Philippe F. Kristof '83  
J. B. MacFarlane '81  
John K. MacFarlane  
Leah MacFarlane  
Marian MacFarlane  
Keith M. Martin 2002  
James F. McMillan  
David J. Miller '80  
Janet Miller  
Fabio Moscatelli '92  
Danny Naami '99  
Alfie Paoletti  
James E. Pitblado '81

Stephen B. Price '83  
Ian Robertson '55  
John N. Schwenk '77  
Lee Tidmarsh  
David P. Williams



David Williams, former staff member



Keith Martin, W. M. Belanger, Fabio Moscatelli



John Macfarlane, Leah Macfarlane, Brian Macfarlane and J. E. Hooton

# Chapter Reunions: London

**T**wenty-seven Old Boys, guests, staff and former staff members gathered at the Cross Keys Restaurant on March 4, 2010 for the annual London, England reunion.

Attending were:  
Pierre B. Baillargeon '78  
Adam D. Bandeen '83  
Richard P. Blundell '78  
D. A. Cameron 2000

Michael A. Capombassis '84  
Kenneth D. Clark '78  
David G. Creighton '75  
Susan Doherty  
Alexandre G. Ducharme 2001  
Reid Hannaford 2012  
Hal Hannaford  
Conrad R. Harrington 2000  
Michael A. Henderson '90  
Robert A. Hinrichsen 2006  
Neill W. Hunt '94  
Andrew D. Johnston '99  
Robert J. Keene '82  
Mohamed Mahayni 2000  
James F. McMillan  
Peter H. Norris '81  
James E. Phillips '83  
David Seward '78  
Stuart A. Szabo '96  
Clare Thompson  
H. N. Tingley '83  
Sophia Tolias  
Charles-Alexandre Vennat 2005



**From left: Michael A. Capombassis, Adam D. Bandeen and Robert J. Keene.**

# Chapter Reunions: New York

**N**ineteen Old Boys, guests, staff and former staff members gathered at The Spence School on March 25, 2010 for the annual New York reunion.

Attending were:  
Morgan M. Ball '99  
Alex Becker  
Diogo Bustani '93  
Mary Ann Cloherty  
Karen Cobbett  
William G. Cobbett '95  
Michael Gross 2000  
Hal Hannaford  
Aviva Madger  
James F. McMillan  
Matthew D. Munzar 2000  
Edouard Robert-Morin 2000  
Christian R. Robertson '83  
Adam A. Rozencwajg 2001  
Marc A. Schwarz 2001  
Christopher A. Teryazos '94  
Andrew K. Webster '82  
Alexa Zeliger  
Juliana Zinger



**Meeting the new headmaster in New York. From left: Michael Gross, Edouard Robert-Morin, Hal Hannaford, Matthew D. Munzar and Andrew K. Webster**

# Chapter Reunions

## Boston

**N**ine Old Boys, guests, staff and former staff members gathered at the Top of the Hub Restaurant and Skywalk on February 11, 2010 for the annual Boston reunion. Attending were:

Zahir M. Bhanji '88  
Hal Hannaford  
Taz Kanji  
Jamin F. Kerner '94  
Morgan Lackenbauer '97

Albert Law '96  
James F. McMillan  
George C. Sopel '86  
Matthew D. Waxman '94



From left: Jamin Kerner, Albert Law, Morgan Lackenbauer and George Sopel

## Ottawa

**N**ineteen Old Boys, guests, staff and former staff members gathered at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier on November 4, 2009 for the annual Ottawa reunion. Attending were:

Hayden L. Bernstein 2001  
Mary Ann Cloherty  
Gail Gavan  
Maurice A. Gibbs '90  
Hal Hannaford  
Anthony G. LeMoine '53  
Anthony S. Maxwell '54  
James F. McMillan  
Rodney E. Moore '58  
Philip J. Oliver '99

J. G. Peters '58  
Ivan S. Ralston '61  
Michael P. Sanford '99  
Kyam Shell-Schnitzer 2001  
Peter T. Stewart '81  
Robert N. Tennant '66  
Roger D. Thomas '59  
Jason Tsoukas '99  
George F. Windsor '56



From left: Jason Tsoukas, Michael P. Sanford, Philip J. Oliver and Kyam Shell-Schnitzer

## Toronto

**T**wenty-one Old Boys, guests, staff and former staff members gathered at the Panorama Lounge on May 19, 2010 for the annual Toronto reunion. Attending were:

Trevor Ahmedali '97  
Joshua Albert '80  
Robert Campbell 2002  
Mary Ann Cloherty  
Stephane Côté 2002  
Hal Hannaford  
Gregory Hannon '72  
Duncan McEntyre '99  
James F. McMillan  
Catherine Mok  
Otto Mok '92

Roger Osmond '77  
Theresa Osmond  
Beatrice Pajmans-Williams  
Christopher Rochon 2002  
Julie Scanlan  
Craig Shannon '71  
Sean Sofin '84  
Gregory Speirs '89  
Michael Whitehead '78  
Bruce Williams '77



From left: Otto Mok, Catherine Mok, Christopher Rochon, Stephane Côté and Duncan McEntyre

# Young Alum BARBECUE

**S**eventy-five young Old Boys, staff and former staff members gathered at the school on August 20, 2009 for the annual Young Alum Barbecue.

Attending were:

Raymond Ayas  
Sung Jun Bae  
Samer S. Balaghi  
Julian S. Beh Pold  
Yan Besner  
Charles V. Bierbrier  
Andrew M. Bloomfield  
James B. Bloomfield  
Evren A. Boisjoli  
Gareth J. Brown  
Derek D. Burrows  
Kyle Y. Burrows  
Charles P. Cabana  
Robert A. Carle  
Wynny Chan  
Timothy P. Charron  
Rabib S. Chaudhury  
Arjan S. Chhatwal  
Mary Ann Cloherly  
James M. Coulton  
Dana J. Coviensky  
Philip A. Cutler  
Daniel U. D'Amico  
Anthony Dépatie  
Neil Y. Desai  
Vinay N. Desai  
Christopher D. DesRosiers  
Michael Downey  
Aaron L. Esterson  
Ross B. Gelber  
Louis Gervais  
Peter A. Govan  
Max H. Graham  
Hal Hannaford  
Matthew M. Holy  
Graham E. Hooton  
Trevor W. Hooton  
Bronson C. Kiu  
Olivier J. Laroche  
Simon Leblanc  
David Lee  
Justin C. Leopold  
Patrick M. Malouf  
Carol Manning



**From left: Kyle Burrows, Drago Papich, Dean of Students Minna Shulman and Jonathan Mechanic**

David D. McLeod  
Jonathan A. Mechanic  
Jonathan A. Merritt  
Ramin Mohsenin  
Ivan A. Neilson  
Thomas E. Nichols  
Aleksander P. Papich  
Drago S. Papich  
Filip Papich  
Courtney Prieur  
Heather M. Rochette

Joshua I. Rosenstein  
Anshuman Saksena  
Matthew S. Shadley  
Kyam Shell-Schnitzer  
Chen-Han J. Shen  
Alex D. Shiri  
Minna R. Shulman  
Denis A. Smirnov  
Philip M. Smith  
Benjamin W. Spencer  
Moses I. Tannenbaum

Pierre-Alexander  
Taylor-Deschamps  
Nicholas R. Thorpe  
Paul A. Tsoukas  
Stephen E. Tsoukas  
Kristian Valenta  
Charles-Alexandre Vennat  
Richard Wills  
Christopher Y. Wong  
Nan Xie



**Headmaster Hannford speaks to the group**

# Colin No Classic No. 6



**F**ifteen Old Boys and staff came out to play in the Sixth Annual Colin No Classic basketball tournament. Proceeds from the event go toward the Colin No Fund to provide financial assistance for students attending Selwyn House.

Under the direction of Juvenile Basketball Coach Alfie Paoletti, participants were divided into three teams playing four ten-minute games.

In the first round, the Blues defeated the Greens 14-9. In the second, Green prevailed over the Reds 25-14. In the third game, it was Blue over Red 16-9. The title bout between Green and Blue started out as a one-sided contest. Due to a mysterious scoreboard malfunction, however, while no one was looking, the Blues' score jumped close to the Greens' 22-point tally in the final seconds of the game.

An unannounced appearance by former Senior School Head rob Wearing stopped the proceedings for an ovation.

Over post-game beer and pizza, Advancement Director James McMillan brought the participants up to date on the fund.

## Participants and Guests

Andrea Batsis

Colin Boyle

Kevin Boyle

Martin Boyle

Miguel Burnier

Charles Cabana

Chantal Canlas

Vanessa Ferreira-Valente

Andrew Funamoto

Bryan Guinness

Andrew Horn

Ziad Kaedbey

Masaud Kakkar

Po Yen B. Lin

Richard Martz

Tobias No

Alfie Paoletti

Drago Papich

Filip Papich

Luka Pavlovic

Stephen Tsoukas

Rob Wearing

# The 12th Annual Nicoll Cup goes to the GOLD



**T**he Gold team, a squad of Old Boys from the 80s and 90s, won the 12th annual Nicoll Cup Alumni Hockey Tournament on December 18, in a hard-fought 3-2 win over the Teal team, a group of younger grads bolstered by two-generation team-ups from the Papich and Fitzpatrick families.

The consolation match-up was a 3-2 win for White in a contest against Hal Hannaford's Blues, made up of recent grads and hard-hustling staff members.

The pace steadily picked up as the tournament progressed in back-to-back 10-minute games on both rinks at Verdun Auditorium. The championship and consolation were decided in 20-minute stop-time contests.

With minutes to go in the final and

down by a goal, Teal called a time-out and Fil Papich laid out the strategy for the shot that tied the game, which came seconds later by Wisenthal off a rebound from a shot by R. Fitzpatrick. "You may have a future in coaching," an impressed Steve Mitchell called out to Fil.

With only a minute left in OT, however, Peter Higgins returned the favour for Gold, and it was all over.

Tired but smiling, the gang retreated to the lounge for beer and pizza and a hearty sendoff for the holidays.

## Gold:

Goalie: Christopher Yee Wong 2005  
John Mulder '88  
Michael Avedesian '88  
Jason Tsadilas '88

Anders Bard '86  
Peter Higgins '89  
Greg Raikes '89  
Ben Wearing '94  
Nick Kaulbach '94  
Steve Barkman '89

## Teal:

Goalie: Tim Tokarsky (parent)  
Josh Wisenthal '99  
Alessandro Galeone 2008  
Caleb Jones 2008  
Nikki Papich 2010  
Fil Papich '77  
Bryan Fitzpatrick '74  
Robbie Fitzpatrick 2009  
Tim Fitzpatrick '77

## Blue:

Goalie: Alex Tokarsky 2012  
Alex Zammit (parent)  
Hal Hannaford (staff)  
Alex Ivanovici (staff)  
Steve Colwell (staff)  
Phil Cutler 2005  
Pat Malouf 2005  
Keith Martin 2002  
Bruce Maxwell (staff)

## White:

Goalie: Camille Hamel d'Entremont 2005  
Casey Auerbach 2004  
Kevin Auerbach 2005  
Christopher Deruchie 2004  
Nicholas Thorpe 2005  
Tom Kirk 2004  
Andrew Funamoto 2002  
Mike Bowey 2004  
Chris Wong 2004



Tom Nicoll presents the winners' trophy to the glorious Gold.



# 12th annual Alumni & Friends GOLF TOURNAMENT raises \$100,000

**T**he 12th annual Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament raised \$100,000 for the Selwyn House Bursary Program. Ninety-eight golfers travelled to Kanawaki Golf Club for a perfect day on the links.

After the game, the group gathered on the terrace for cocktails, followed by a fine dinner accompanied by some spirited bidding on the many prizes offered up by perennial auctioneer Mike Avedesian.

For more photos, visit [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca)

#### Prize winners:

Closest to Pin (Men) - Gord Hanna  
Longest Drive (Men) - Daniel Knight 2010  
Longest Drive (Ladies) - Sheila Jablonski  
Drive to the Target - Peter Delormier  
Hit the Target - Chris Nacos 2001  
Low Gross (staff) Steve Mitchell  
Low Gross (Ladies) - Sheila Jablonski  
Guest Low Gross (Men) - Daniel Knight 2010  
Old Boy Champion - Michael Avedesian '88



Top of page: James Wuest in the sand. At left: Daniel Knight 2010 sinks yet another a putt. Above, the winning foursome, from left: Peter Morton '70, Matthew Jablonski and Daniel Knight (both 2010), and Headmaster Hal Hannaford

# Andy's back to win! The 11th Annual Old Boys' TENNIS TOURNAMENT



Nick Kaulbach and Andy Lumsden

**R**etired Selwyn House math teacher and tennis coach Andy Lumsden and his doubles partner, Nick Kaulbach '94, were the winning twosome in the 11th annual Old Boys' Tennis Tournament, held at Hillside Tennis Club on June 15

This is the fourth time Andy has won the tournament. His name is engraved on the coveted silver salver for winning in 2001, 2003 and 2007, as well as 2010.

Playing in the tournament were: Michael Martin '66, Matt Beckerleg '94, Ted Claxton '73, Nicholas Kaulbach '94, Andy Lumsden, Keith Martin 2002, Richard Martz '97, Michael Penner '86, Charles Porteous '84, Andrew Ramsey '84, Jamie Ritchie '88, Colin Ross '51. Also present were: Tyler Cavell '94, William Daly '52, James McMillan, staff, Mary Ann Cloherty, staff, Hal Hannaford, staff.



At right, Matthew Beckerleg



Richard Martz



William Daly '52 (holding the silver salver) with the entire group.

# Athletic Awards



Hall-of-Famers Karel Nemec and Tim Fleiszer join Senior School Head Mike Downey in presenting the McMaster Trophy to Ali Shahabi

McMaster Trophy – 2010 Senior School Athlete of the Year: Ali Shahabi

Cassils Memorial Trophy – 2009 Middle School Athlete of the Year: Amanpreet Atwal

Athlete Department Award 2010 – Presented to Colin Fitzpatrick and Jake Mullan, who have contributed their time unselfishly to the Selwyn House Athletic Department.

David Tobias Team Award – Bantam Football

## Fall Awards 2009

### Gr. 7 Football

Most Promise . . . . . Spencer Jojich-White  
MVP Offence . . . . . Connor Munro  
MVP Defense . . . . . Nikolas De Stefano  
MVP . . . . . Clayton Sequeira

### Sr. Football

Best Lineman . . . . . Philip De Stefano  
MVP . . . . . Mark Ordonselli  
MVP Offence . . . . . Joey Zammit  
MVP Defense . . . . . Connor O'Brien  
MVP Defense . . . . . Ali Shahabi  
Most Promise . . . . . Christopher Malouf

### Btm Football

Team MVP . . . . . Jonathan Boateng  
Team MVP . . . . . David Smith

Offensive MVP . . . . . Bernard Bechard-Torres  
Offensive MVP . . . . . Nicholas Jonas  
Defensive MVP . . . . . Sterling Mitchell  
Defensive MVP . . . . . David De Cotiis  
Best Linesman . . . . . Alexander Hadjis  
Best Linesman . . . . . Nicolas Vit  
Most Promise . . . . . Devin O'Donnell  
Most Promise . . . . . Maximillien Rahuba-Pigeon

### Elementary Soccer

Most Promise . . . . . Jonathan Colaço Carr  
Most Promise . . . . . Sebastien Hamdy  
MVP . . . . . Samuel Lamanuzzi  
MVP . . . . . Joseph Salzman  
MVP . . . . . Nolan Bedard

### Elementary Soccer

Most Promise . . . . . Antony Smirnov  
MIP . . . . . Michael Frances

### Bantam 1 Soccer

MVP Defense . . . . . Amanpreet Atwal  
MVP . . . . . John Molson

MVP Offence . . . . . Michael Palayew

### Bantam 3 Soccer

MVP . . . . . Jeremy Lafontaine-Fokas  
MIP . . . . . Jonah Goodman

Most Promise . . . . . Taddeus Norkis-Kostka

### Midget Soccer

MVP . . . . . Alessandro Cappello  
MVP . . . . . Jacob Cohen

MVP Offence . . . . . Jean-Sebastien Dackiw

Most Promise . . . . . Eric-James Boffey

### Senior Soccer

MVP . . . . . Jean-François Roberts  
MVP Defense . . . . . Christian Buchanan

MVP Offence . . . . . Salvatore Vaccarino

### Golf

MIP . . . . . Thomas Jablonski  
MIP . . . . . Matthew Jablonski

Most Promise . . . . . Eric-James Boffey

MVP . . . . . Daniel Knight

## Winter Awards 2009

### Wrestling

Most Promise . . . . . Alexander Moore  
MIP . . . . . Jean-François Roberts  
MIP . . . . . Nicholas Aziz  
MVP . . . . . Ali Shahabi

### Gr. 5 & 6 Basketball

Most Promise . . . . . Nicholas Johnson  
MIP . . . . . Ethan Daoust  
MIP . . . . . Jules Gagnon  
MVP . . . . . Sam Lamanuzzi

### Gr. 7 Basketball

Most Promise . . . . . Thomas Grillas  
MIP . . . . . Benjamin Bedard  
MVP . . . . . Vincent Duong

### Btm. Basketball

Most Promise . . . . . Ulysses Pamel  
MIP . . . . . Scott Dennis  
MIP . . . . . Amanpreet Atwal

Most Promise . . . . . Brandon Rudolph

### Midget Basketball

MIP . . . . . Kosta Grillas  
MVP . . . . . Noah Daoust

MVP . . . . . David Smith

Best Defence . . . . . Alexander Hadjis

### Sr. Basketball

MIP . . . . . Mark Perlman  
MVP . . . . . Connor O'Brien

### Elem. Hockey

MVP . . . . . Christopher Jones  
MVP . . . . . Zachary Kott

MVP . . . . . Joseph Salzman

MVP . . . . . Nicolas Cossette

### Gr. 7 Hockey

MVP . . . . . Karl Valentini  
MIP . . . . . Tommy Jablonski

Most Promise . . . . . Conor Munro

MVP Defense . . . . . Jordan Dubuc

### Btm. Hockey

Most Promise . . . . . Bernard Bechard-Torres  
MIP . . . . . Sterling Mitchell

MVP . . . . . David Barmish

MVP . . . . . Matthew Rossy

MVP Offence . . . . . Liam Shannon

### Senior Hockey

Most Promise . . . . . Tim Shaw  
MVP Defense . . . . . Eric Del Balso

MVP . . . . . Phil De Stefano

MIP . . . . . Michael Smith

MIP . . . . . William Kendrick

### Curling

MIP . . . . . Liam Kenny  
MVP . . . . . Nicholas Backman

Most Promise . . . . . Harry Cape

Most Promise . . . . . Louis Buckett

## Spring Awards 2010

### Juvenile Tennis

MVP . . . . . Brendan Keefe  
MIP . . . . . Jack Provencher

Team Award . . . . . Weston Clarke

### Midget Tennis

MVP . . . . . Kosta Grillas  
MIP . . . . . Eric James Boffey

Most Promise . . . . . Jean-Sebastien Dackiw

### Track & Field

MVP . . . . . Jonathan Boateng  
Most Promise . . . . . Justin Tabah

### Bantam Rugby

Most Promise . . . . . Patrick Bourque  
Most Promise . . . . . Jordan Dubuc

MIP . . . . . David Iacono

MIP . . . . . Michael McHenry

MVP . . . . . Amanpreet Atwal

### Midget Rugby

MVP . . . . . David De Cotiis  
Best Forward . . . . . Sterling Mitchell

Best Back . . . . . David Smith

Best Promise . . . . . Bernard Bechard-Torres

MIP . . . . . Matthew Rossy

### Senior Rugby

Best Forward . . . . . Lucas Trifiro-Jarzem  
Best Back . . . . . Jean-François Roberts

Borner Award MVP . . . . . James Strachan & Ali Shahabi

Coaches Award . . . . . Philip De Stefano

### Baseball

Most Promise . . . . . Alex Tokarsky  
MIP . . . . . Christian Buchanan

MIP . . . . . Victor Bui

Team Award . . . . . Joseph Kano & Justin Peress



Middle School Head Carol Manning presents the Cassils Cup to Amanpreet Atwal

# Nemec and Fleiszer first inductees into HALL OF FAME



The first Selwyn House athletes are inducted into the school's new Hall of Fame by Headmaster Hal Hannaford (left) and Athletic Director Steve Mitchell (right). In photo at left, Karel Nemec; at right, Tim Fleiszer

By Steve Mitchell, Selwyn House Director of Athletics

**K**arel Nemec '79, our first inductee into the Selwyn House Athletic hall of Fame, spent 11 years at the school. He was a football and rugby star, and also tried his hand at hockey. He played for the 1979 senior rugby GMAA Championships team, and won both the Cassils and McMaster Trophies, symbolic of the school's best junior and senior athlete of the year. He is a two-time member of the Sportsman's Guild.

After graduating, Karel attended Bishop's University, where he played quarterback for five seasons for the Gaiters. In 1984 Karel was named Bishop's football captain and all-conference quarterback, and was named the university's Athlete of the Year. In 1985, Karel graduated from Bishop's with a BA in economics.

Karel always had a passion for racquet sports, and with his football career over, he focused on competitive racquet play. In 1995-96, he won the United States Doubles Racquet Championship. In 1999, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2009, he and his partner captured the Canadian Amateur Doubles Racquets Championship. It is safe to say that this man can play racquets.

**Tim Fleiszer '92** really left a huge impression on Selwyn House athletics. In 1988, he played a major role in Selwyn House School's first Bantam GMAA Football Championship. As well, he was a valuable member of the GMAA Rugby 7s Bantam Championship. In 1989 to 1991, he played on the school's varsity football teams, serving as a team captain in 1991. In hockey, he co-captained the varsity team to a rare double championship by capturing the GMAA High School crown followed by the Provincial High School Championship in 1992. Tim is a two-time member of the Selwyn House Sportsman's Guild and co-winner of the McMaster Trophy as Selwyn's top athlete.

Upon graduation, Tim entered Choate-Rosemary Hall School in Wallington, Connecticut, where he continued to lead on the field and on the ice. He captained the football team to back-to-back New England Prep School Championships in 1992 and 1993. He played varsity hockey on the first line and is very proud of finishing third in discus in the New England Prep School track and field championship in 1993.

Tim graduated from Choate with academic honors and was accepted at Harvard University, where he studied English and economics. In the fall of 1994, Tim won his spot at starting fullback and became the first freshman to start in Harvard football history. The following year Tim switched to defensive end, where he developed into an Ivy-League All-Star.

He finished his storied Harvard career as team captain with an Ivy League Championship in 1997. In 1998, the Hamilton Tiger-Cats drafted Tim first overall. In his second year with the Cats playing defensive tackle, he won his first Grey Cup. In 2000, Tim signed as a free agent with the Montreal Alouettes and in 2002 won a Grey Cup with the Als. In 2003 and 2004, Tim played with the Ottawa Renegades. In 2005, he signed with the Edmonton Eskimos and, yes, won his third Grey Cup against Montreal in the famous overtime game. Tim then moved to Regina and played his final two seasons with the Saskatchewan Roughriders and, yes, won a fourth Grey Cup in 2007.

In a career totaling 10 years, Tim participated in six Grey Cups and won four Grey Cup rings. Tim is extremely proud of his CFL accomplishments, but he is equally proud of his captain's responsibilities and his player representative duties with Montreal, Ottawa, Edmonton and Saskatchewan. Tim lives in Montreal with his best friend, Laurie, and currently works for Gil Scott Sports, representing CFL players. ■

# Old Boys at CAREER DAY

Ten Old Boys and two Selwyn House parents took part in this year's Career Day on April 21, engaging Senior School students in frank discussions about the career options that exist today. Participants were:

**Jon Caplan '79**

Engineering/Construction Project Manager at KSH Solutions Inc., an international engineering firm located in Montreal. Projects include designing and building multi-million-dollar heavy industrial plants (mainly in pulp and paper) in Canada. Jon has international experience developing mega-projects in Malaysia, UAE, and, most recently, Russia.

**Tom Johnson '94**

Vice-president and partner in ClimateCHECK, a greenhouse gas (GHG) measurement and management corporate consulting firm. Tom leads the ClimateCHECK practice in Toronto, directing consulting projects such as calculating offset credits from GHG reduction projects, calculating carbon footprints, and helping companies understand and manage their emissions and emissions-related data. Tom regularly presents at conferences and events on the topic of GHG emissions quantification, including regular contributions to a University of Toronto seminar series on carbon finance, and has participated in the development of provincial, federal and international policies and standards, including the ISO suite of GHG standards. Prior to joining ClimateCHECK, Tom was a manager with a \$550M fund that supports sustainable municipal infrastructure across Canada. Before that, Tom was with a contaminated sites consulting firm that performed assessments and clean-ups of sites across Canada.

**Dr. Tarek Razek '84**

Dr. Razek is a trauma surgeon and director of the trauma program at the Montreal General Hospital. He is heavily involved in trauma and injury-care issues for the community, extending from pre-hospital services and injury prevention through acute-care services in our surgical unit. He is also very active in international health and worked extensively in east Africa with a Canadian surgical NGO, the International Committee for the Red Cross as a war surgeon and with the Federation of Red Cross in their disaster response teams.

His team was very involved in the recent Dawson events and at the Winter Olympics at Whistler, B.C.

**Dr. Karl Schwarz '90**

Dr. Schwarz joined the McGill University Staff in 2007. In 2007, he joined the plastic surgery faculty at McGill University, where he teaches and performs a wide variety of reconstructive procedures to treat accident victims, people with birth deformities, and cancer patients. His sub-specialty and passion remain microsurgical breast cancer reconstruction (performing DIEP flaps) and aesthetic surgery of the breast, face, and body.

**Fil Papich '77**

Capital Markets Manager with the Bank of Montreal, Fil has been working in the banking business for 19 years in Toronto, New York, London and Montreal. He has worked for J P Morgan ('87-'89), CIBC ('89-'92), UBS ('92-'96) and BMO ('96 to present) in both sales and trading roles. Currently, Mr. Papich's primary role at BMO is to manage the Capital Markets (Sales and Trading) group in Montreal, which services Quebec and Eastern Canada.

**Barry Lazar '67**

After having been a restaurant owner, ski instructor, and almost an insurance agent, Barry realized he could earn a living at something he really enjoyed: writing and telling stories. He has written books about Montreal and worked for the CBC, the NFB, and the *Gazette* and teaches in Concordia University's journalism department.

For more than a decade, Barry has been a documentary film producer. His most recent film *The So-called Movie* is about a Montreal musician: So-called. It was filmed in Mile End, the Ukraine, Harlem, and France. Another recent film, *Chez Schwartz*, was filmed at Schwartz's Deli through four seasons. "What better way to spend a year?"

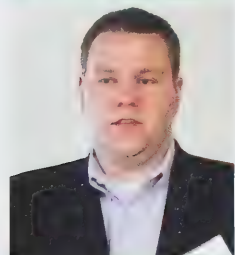
Barry asks.

**Martin Patriquin '93**

Quebec Bureau Chief, *Maclean's* magazine. After a very brief dalliance in the field of marketing proved fruitless, Martin instead decided to pursue writing for fun and (tiny) profit. His work as a journalist has taken him across the Main all the way to Papineau Street, as well as Europe and the Middle East. He has written for *The Globe and Mail*, the *National Post* and *The Walrus*, among others. He is a three-time National Magazine Awards nominee. He runs the Quebec bureau out of his *pied-à-terre* in Pointe-St-Charles (or lower-lower-lower Westmount, as he likes to think of it).



Jon Caplan '79



Tom Johnson '94



Dr. Tarek Razek '84



Dr. Karl Schwarz '90



Fil Papich '77



Barry Lazar '67

# CAREER DAY

## Otto Mok '92

A criminal defence lawyer, Otto has his own Bay Street boutique criminal practice, with a focus on white-collar crime. Currently, Otto is working on a corporate fraud case executed over the Internet, with damages amassing over \$50M US.

Otto has successfully represented clients at all levels of the criminal courts of Ontario, including the regulatory boards. He has experience in cases of first-degree murder, conspiracy to commit indictable offences, robbery, drug trafficking, possession of illegal narcotics, domestic assaults, theft, impaired driving and international kidnapping, amongst others.

Otto describes himself as "a passionate defender of the individual and a fierce proponent of accountability within the justice system," striving to ensure that law enforcement officials are held accountable for their actions and that his clients' constitutional rights are not compromised.

## Dr. Sunny Handa '84

A partner in Blakes law firm and McGill law professor, Sunny is co-head of both the firm's information technology group and the firm's India practice group. Sunny has a substantial practice in mergers and acquisitions of technology companies and also deals with information technology, intellectual

property, communications (telecommunications and broadcasting) and electronic commerce matters, and a range of corporate/commercial matters relating to technology and communications businesses.

Sunny also has an active life sciences/health law practice and has worked extensively for some of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies on a wide array of operational drug-related as well as corporate and commercial matters.

## Charles Bierbrier '93

Charles is founder and president of Bierbrier Brewing Inc., a local Montreal brewery. The downtown brewery produces a premium golden ale and a pilsner lager beer, that are available on draft and in bottles at establishments around the city. Prior to launching his brewery, he worked in the banking and investment brokerage industry. Charles is also on the board of the Old Boys' Association at Selwyn House.



Martin Patriquin '93



Otto Mok '92



Dr. Sunny Handa '84

## Tim Tokarsky, SHS parent

A computer software entrepreneur, Tim managed networks and systems for a variety of Wall Street firms, including First Boston, Goldman Sachs and Merrill Lynch. Tim joined Micromuse in 1997, designing three software solutions, and increasing annual software revenues from less than \$2M to over \$212M. Founder, board member, investor and operational manager in many successful (and unsuccessful) US-based technology startups, he served as a founding investor in two hedge funds. Tim's most recent business was WysDM Software Inc., a New York-based storage software company with development in the UK, which he co-founded in 2002.

## Mark Smith, SHS parent, Keynote Speaker

Keynote speaker for the day was Selwyn House parent Mark Smith. For more on Mark's speech, see page 36.

Also taking part in Career Day were:

## Michael Verna

Senior Account Executive, Partnership Marketing at New Jersey Nets Basketball, managing corporate sponsorships, including Anheuser-Busch, Nissan and Ticketmaster. Formerly Senior Manager, Ticket Services and Operations Assistant with New Jersey Nets. Member of the Sports Management Advisory Board at St. John's University in New York.

## Stéphane Quintal

Former defenceman with the Montreal Canadiens, retired in 2004 after 1,037 career games (16 seasons) on an NHL blue line. In 1998-99, he reached 27 points, played in all 82 games and set a personal mark for penalty minutes. Quintal ended his four years in Montreal with a trip to the World Hockey Championship. After Montreal, Quintal played with the Rangers and the Blackhawks before returning to the Canadiens in 2001.

## Michael Gentile, CFA

Portfolio Manager with Formula Growth. Michael joined Formula Growth in 2002, initially as a research assistant then analyst, becoming a portfolio manager in 2008. Michael also lectures on applied investments at Concordia University. ■



Charles Bierbrier '93



Tim Tokarsky



Mark Smith



Selwyn House parent Mark Smith

# Mark S CAREER DAY

By Richard Wills, publications editor

What goes around comes around; and absolutely nobody succeeds in business without working hard. There were many strong messages in the Career Day keynote address given by Selwyn House parent Mark Smith on April 21, but these two were driven home most dramatically.

In high school Mark helped save a schoolmate from being bullied. The victim's father later gave Mark his first solid job. About the same time, Mark hired a friend who was in trouble to help out with a weekend ski job, and later the friend's father—the chairman of Deloitte and Touche—gave Mark his first big break in the finance industry.

His message: it's important how you treat people. Not only because it is the right thing to do, but because it will come back to you later, for good or for ill.

In Mark's case, the mentors he met through such fortunate coincidences helped him to advance quickly through the family investment business. By age 26 he was an executive in Claridge SRB Investments, the Bronfman family investment company. By age 30 he was spending his days with captains of industry, advising the Bronfman family on multi-billion-dollar investments all over the world.

To make the point that "failure is only a mental state," Mark led the students through high points and low points in his career. In 1995 he had one of the best weeks in his life. As

president of Stephen Bronfman's investment company, Mark found himself sitting at a table with Stephen and Michael Cohl, the world's most successful and powerful concert promoter—with clients like The Rolling Stones and U2—successfully negotiating a very complex deal to finance both those bands' upcoming world tours. On the same day, as a member of the Board of Directors of TSN, Mark was involved in the discussions and board approval surrounding TSN's detailed strategy for its bid for the

NHL hockey rights television deal that resulted in TSN owning, to this day, the most important elements of the NHL television contract. And the Canadiens were in the playoffs.

{ "What makes the good times good, are the bad times. How you deal with adversity will define who you are." }

Sometime later, he had the week from hell: the Bronfman family, along with most investors, lost millions when the stock market tanked, he had his new car stolen and was diagnosed with early-stage thyroid cancer. And the Habs were eliminated from the playoffs.

"What makes the good times good, are the bad times," Mark told the students. "How you deal with adversity will define who you are."

Mark made a good case for his profession as a career choice. A chartered accountant's degree is a flexible and marketable skill. The family office investment business—advising wealthy families on managing their money—is a rapidly growing and interesting arm of the finance and investment industry.

With a positive attitude, a concern for family and community, and a willingness to work hard, he said, "You can all live your dream." ■



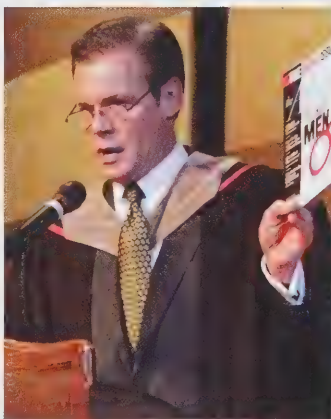
**N**ot content merely to ponder the future of the 2010 graduates, in his graduation speech Headmaster Hal Hannaford broadened his vision to weigh the fate of all men. He cited an article in *Atlantic* magazine entitled "The End of Men" that claims the world is undergoing an economic and cultural shift from men to women and questions whether fathers are even necessary.

With sixty per cent of undergraduate degrees now being earned by women, it seems right to question gender roles in the future of education and society in general, Mr. Hannaford said.

"But...maybe this all just misses the point. Once you get past the obvious displays of lack of judgment, occasional doses of immaturity and moments of completely pathetic behavior,...boys are wonderful, intelligent, caring, emotional, ambitious and driven.

"For sure, [the members of this graduating class] have been known and loved—which must remain a Selwyn House guarantee—and they have grown, matured, evolved and developed as a group.

"By feeding off the collective energy of each other, they have gained not only an understanding about themselves, but a clearer picture of their future—intellectually, socially and emotionally and even spiritually—and the best part is that, unlike so many men in our world, they have made true lasting



**Headmaster Hannaford**

friends. What a gift!"

Mr. Hannaford advised the graduates to take to heart the school motto: *veritas*. "If you want to be great—not just good—as you follow your various passions and ambitions, then believe in *veritas*: truth."

This, he said, begins with being true to one's self, which generates self-confidence. The Yoruba culture in West Africa has a word—*itutu*—which translates as an ability to connect to one's own inner divinity, Mr. Hannaford explained. "Translated into English, it means 'cool'."

But *veritas* is even more, he said. It means truth to one's parents. "In the upcoming years you will need your parents more than ever."

It means truth to others. "Without a woman's point of view we will never gain a true understanding of any issue."

It means embracing kindness. "Gentlemen," he said, "real men are kind."

And it means personal effort. "Hard work—not just achievement—is at the root of most successes."

The headmaster concluded by enjoining the graduates to "Go forth and make us look good."

"You have taught me a great deal," he said. "I am honoured to have been your headmaster.

"I will never forget you." ■

# Class of 2010 Prize Winners



Senior School Head Mike Downey (left) and SHA Board Chairman Ted Claxton (right) present the Lucas Memorial Medal to Daniel Knight.



James Strachan and Harry Cape receive the Jeffrey Russell Prize from Senior School Head Mike Downey and SHA Board Chairman Ted Claxton.

## Distinction Awards

Biology: Brandon Adelson

D. W. Christie History Prize:

Salvatore Vaccarino

Chemistry: Daniel Knight, Ryan Adessky

Physics: Harry Cape

McGill Science Award: Ryan Adessky

Creative Writing: Dan Knight

McCall Prize for Art: Simon Altman

Economics: Anthony Matte

French:

Langue Maternelle: Daniel Knight,  
Nick Backman

Langue Enrichie: Jake Mullan

Langue Régulière: Leff Loewen &  
Matthew Jablonski

D.W. Christie History Prize:

Salvatore Vaccarino

The Consul General of Spain Prize for

Distinction in Spanish:

Robin Morgan

Byron W. Harker Prize for

Distinction in Literature:

Nick Backman

The Moody Prize for Mathematics:

Harry Cape, James Strachan

Public Speaking: Christian Buchanan

The E.C. Moody Debating Prize:

Daniel Knight and Harry Cape

Patricia Marsh Drama Prize:

Marcos Archambault

## Special Awards

- The University of Toronto National Book Award for superior academic performance, original and creative thought, and exceptional achievement in a broad context: Daniel Knight

- The Thomas Henry Pentland Molson Prize for General Excellence to the student with the second-highest academic average for the year: Harry Cape

- The Governor General's Bronze Medal for Academic Distinction to the student with the highest academic average for the year: Daniel Knight

- The YMCA Community Service Award to a student who has consistently volunteered his services within the school or community: Charles Jo

- The Massi Prize for Effort for sustained effort and appreciation in academics: Colin Fitzpatrick

- The Millennium Prize (donated by the Class of 1999) to the student who best exemplifies—in the judgment of his peers—tolerance, compassion, generosity of spirit, kindness and concern for others: Derek Li

- The Redpath Herald Award to a student or a faculty member who has shown initiative of a creative nature in the organization or planning of some project worthy of recognition: Parent Association Chair Mrs. Martha Legge Fitzpatrick

- The Thomas Chalmers Brainerd Memorial Award to the Senior who, in the opinion of the staff and of his classmates, has combined an exceptionally enthusiastic and purposeful approach to school activities with the consistently generous concern for the welfare of others: Jeffrey Lee

- The Jeffrey Russell Prize is awarded to the Senior who is considered by the Staff and his classmates to have shown outstanding all-around ability and character: Harry Cape & James Strachan

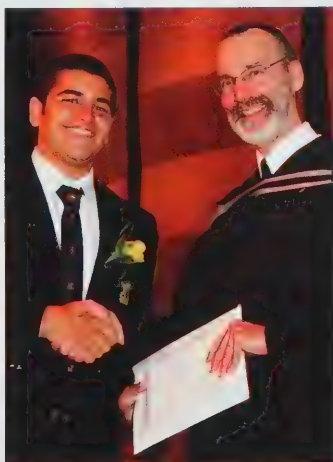
- The Lucas Memorial Medal, in memory of the founder of the school, is awarded to the Senior who is deemed by the staff and his classmates to have made the most outstanding contribution to the life of the school by way of academic achievement, leadership in games and activities, and by good example: Daniel Knight

# Academic

# DESTINATIONS

Alexandre Abrams ..... Dawson ... Pure & Applied Science  
Jonathan Adams ..... Marianopolis ..... Commerce  
Brandon Adelson ..... Dawson ..... Health Science  
Ryan Adessky ..... Dawson ..... First Choice Science  
Simon Altman ..... Dawson ... Pure & Applied Science  
Marcos Archambault ..... Brébeuf ..... Sciences humaines  
Nicholas Backman ..... Marianopolis ..... Liberal Arts  
Charles Boisvert ..... Hotchkiss  
Christian Buchanan ..... Marianopolis ..... Arts & Science  
Victor Bui ..... Marianopolis ..... Arts & Science  
Harrison Cape ..... Dawson ..... First Choice Science  
Dylan Catellier ..... Marianopolis ..... Commerce  
Mazen Chahbaz ..... Dawson ... Pure & Applied Science  
Jean-Louis Chen ..... Marianopolis ..... Commerce  
Weston Clarke ..... Marianopolis ..... Arts & Science  
Lawrence Day ..... Champlain ..... Creative Arts  
Philip De Stefano ..... Marianopolis ..... Commerce  
Eric Del Balso ..... Marianopolis . Pure & Applied Science  
Colin Fitzpatrick ..... Dawson ..... Social Science  
Daniel Gross ..... Dawson ..... Commerce  
Joshua Gross ..... Dawson ..... Commerce  
Michael Haichin ..... Marianopolis ..... Health Science  
George Henderson ..... Hotchkiss  
Matthew Herman ..... Marianopolis . Pure & Applied Science  
Melvin Jr. Hoppenheim .... Tilton  
Matthew Jablonski ..... Marianopolis ..... Commerce  
Charles Jo ..... Marianopolis ..... Arts & Science  
Joseph Kano ..... Choate  
Brendan Keefe ..... Marianopolis . Pure & Applied Science  
Liam Kenny ..... Undecided  
Nazeer Khan ..... Dawson ..... Commerce

Daniel Jacob Knight ..... LCC ..... Grade 12  
Hadi Kubba ..... Marianopolis ..... Commerce  
Jeffrey Lee ..... Marianopolis ..... Health Science  
Derek Li ..... Marianopolis ..... Arts & Science  
Jeffrey Loewen ..... Marianopolis . Pure & Applied Science  
Alexander Mashaal ..... Marianopolis ..... Commerce  
Nicholas Mathé ..... Marianopolis ..... Commerce  
Andrew-Donald Matte .. Marianopolis ..... Commerce  
Anthony-Alain Matte ..... Dawson ..... Social Science  
Patrick Mayer ..... Dawson ..... Commerce  
Robin Morgan ..... Marianopolis ..... Pure & Applied  
Jake Mullan ..... Marianopolis ..... Health Science  
Gordon Nguyen ..... Marianopolis ..... Commerce  
Connor O'Brien ..... St Paul's  
Marc Ordonselli ..... Marianopolis ..... Commerce  
Justin Peress ..... Marianopolis ..... Commerce  
Mark Perlman ..... Marianopolis ..... Arts and Science  
Jack Provencher ..... Dawson ..... Commerce  
Jean-François Roberts .... Deerfield  
Anthony Salvo ..... Marianopolis ..... Commerce  
Christopher Sarlos ..... Dawson ..... First Choice Science  
Ezra Schwartz ..... Dawson ..... First Choice Science  
Alissina Shahabi ..... Marianopolis . Pure & Applied Science  
Michael Smith ..... Marianopolis ..... Commerce  
Ryan Smith ..... Dawson ..... Commerce  
Akaash Srivastava ..... Marianopolis ..... Commerce  
James Strachan ..... Marianopolis ..... Commerce  
Lucas Trifiro-Jarzem. Trinity College School  
Salvatore Vaccarino ..... Marianopolis .... Law & Social Justice  
Philippe-Olivier Vennat... Neuchatel



# Old Boys' Association NEWS

## Class of 2010 inducted into OBA

At the Induction Dinner for the Class of 2010, held on October 21, 2009, members of the Old Boys' Board welcome class representatives into the OBA. From left to right: Bart Sambrook '79, Brendan Keefe, Eric del Balso, Lucas Trifiro-Jarzem, Derek Li, Colin Fitzpatrick, Jake Mullan, Robin Morgan, Marcos Archambault, Nicholas Backman, OBA President David Skinner '82.



## Upcoming Old Boy EVENTS

Thursday, August 19, 2010:  
11th Annual Young Alum Barbecue  
(Classes of 2005-2009)  
6:00-8:30 p.m. Speirs courtyard

Tuesday Nights (Sept-May)  
Old Boys' Tuesday Night Basketball  
6:00-8:00 p.m. Macaulay gym

Friday, October 1, 2010:  
32nd Annual Old Boys'  
Reunion & AGM in Montreal  
5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 13, 2010:  
Calgary Old Boys' Reunion  
TBD

Thursday, October 14, 2010:  
Vancouver Old Boys' Reunion  
TBD

Wednesday, October 20, 2010:  
Grade 11 Old Boys' Association  
Induction Dinner  
5:30-7:30 p.m. Coristine Hall

Thursday, November 18, 2010:  
Ottawa Old Boys' Reunion  
6:30-9:00 p.m., Location TBD

Thursday, November 25, 2010:  
Founder's Day  
Cocktail reception for all constituents  
6:00 p.m. Coristine Hall

Wednesday, December 22, 2010:  
13th Annual  
Old Boys' Hockey Tournament  
1:00-5:00 p.m. Verdun Auditorium

Thursday, January 20, 2011:  
7th Annual  
Colin No Basketball Classic  
6:00-9:00 p.m. Speirs Gym

Wednesday, February 9, 2011:  
Boston Old Boys' Reunion  
6:30-9:30 p.m., Location TBD

Thursday, February 10, 2011:  
New York Old Boys' Reunion  
6:30-9:30 p.m., Location TBD

March TBD, 2011:  
London Old Boys' Reunion  
6:30-9:30 p.m., Location TBD

April 28, 2011:  
Toronto Old Boys' Reunion  
6:30-9:30 p.m. Location TBD

Friday, April 29, 2011:  
Career Day  
8:30-11:30 a.m. Macaulay Building

Monday, May 30, 2011:  
13th Annual  
Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament  
12:30 p.m. Location: TBD

Tuesday, June 14, 2011:  
12th Annual  
Old Boys' Tennis Tournament  
5:30 p.m. Hillside Tennis Club

## Old Boys' Association Awards

# Academic Merit SCHOLARSHIP



From left: Headmaster Hal Hannaford, Michael Frances, Asha Pathak, Nicolas Cossette, Admission Director Nathalie Gervais, Cullen Chung, Elementary School Head Kathy Funamoto, Nicholas Johnson and OBA representative Geoff Moore '83.

Selwyn House is pleased to announce the recipients of the Grade 7 Academic Merit Scholarships. The awards were given to four of the 18 Grade 6 students who wrote the combined English, French and math scholarship exam on Saturday, January 30.

9 student, Aditya Pathak, who was a valued member of the Selwyn House community, and who was appreciated by his peers and teachers for his sense of humanity.

Cullen Chung and Nicolas Cossette finished third and fourth, respectively. They were each awarded a Grade 7 Academic Merit Scholarship worth \$1,000 per year.

The scholarships were officially presented to the winners and their parents at an assembly of Grade 6 students on February 18. In addition to Headmaster Hal Hannaford, Admission Director Nathalie Gervais and Elementary School Head Kathy Funamoto, the ceremony was attended by Aditya Pathak's mother, Asha, and Old Boys' Board Member Geoff Moore.

"Think of the success your friends have had and use that as an inspiration," Headmaster Hal Hannaford told the assembled students, reminding them that, "Achievement has a silent partner: effort."

Reading off a list of Selwyn House graduates who have gone on to great achievements, Geoff Moore reminded the students that, when they graduate they will join the 2300 members of the Selwyn House Old Boys' Association. "Someday you will all be part of that," he said. ■

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Nicholas Johnson earned the highest combined score and received the first prize Selwyn House School Old Boys' Association Merit Scholarship. Awarded in recognition of the tradition of academic excellence at Selwyn House, the scholarship is worth \$2,500 per year for five years.

Michael Frances had the second-highest score, and was awarded the Aditya Pathak Merit Scholarship, worth \$1,000 per year for five years. This award was established in memory of a Grade

# Alumni UPDATES

## 1957

The late **Michael Dunn '57** was recently the subject of an interesting story in *The New Yorker* magazine. When Michael died in 2007, he left more than \$10M to the Museum of Modern Art in New York. After having increased the family fortune through shrewd investments, Michael moved to Vermont in 1978, where he became involved in the community while living a quiet life as a collector of rare books, watches and duck decoys. With no fanfare, he bequeathed MOMA the largest donation the museum had ever received. To read the full story, go to [http://www.newyorker.com/talk/2009/10/05/091005ta\\_talk\\_tomkins#ixzz0cQeLL2Ce](http://www.newyorker.com/talk/2009/10/05/091005ta_talk_tomkins#ixzz0cQeLL2Ce)

## 1964

**Stuart H. (Kip) Cobbett '64** was appointed Chair of McGill University's Board of Governors on January 1 for a five-year term. A 1969 graduate of McGill, Kip is a partner with Stikeman Elliott LLP, and has served McGill as president of the Alumni Association, Chair of the Advisory Board of the *McGill News*, Chair of the Board of Visitors, Faculty of Arts, member of the Audit Committee of the Board of Governors, and lecturer in the Faculty of Law. He is a governor of the Quebec Bar Foundation and serves on several boards of directors.

## 1976

**George Maris '76** was head coach of the Hellenic (Greek) National Hockey Team in the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) Division III World Championships, held in Luxembourg, April 13-16 2010. Greece played against Luxembourg, Ireland, and the United Arab Emirates.

George coached several hockey players in the Rhode Island and Massachusetts high schools, helping them from the high school ranks and into prep schools, Junior Hockey and College both in Canada and the U.S. He was seen daily at local Ice Rinks in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, helping hockey players of

all ages—even adults—improve their hockey skills. He also coaches the Rogers High School soccer team in Newport, Rhode Island, and the Lincoln U16 indoor team in Lincoln, Rhode Island. George headed to Greece in early March to start training the National Hockey Team in Athens, and to also start the youth hockey programs to develop a feeder program for the future of Greek hockey. He is also trying to raise funds to keep the national hockey team of Greece flourishing for the future. George now lives in Lincoln, Rhode Island, with his wife, Dr. Kelly Pagidas, and two children, Adrian and Margaret.

## 1985

**Etienne Cote '85** received an award for excellence in teaching at a seminar last September at the University of Prince Edward Island.

## 1987

**Sywa Sung '87** recently did some exhibition concept design work for the U.S.A. pavilion for the 2010 Expo in Shanghai, China. He currently has two projects in the works as a design consultant to Walt Disney Imagineering, the theme park division of the Walt Disney company. He had formerly been the Director of Project Design at the Pasadena, CA office of MSI, working as an Art Director on major attraction design for a Warner Bros. theme park planned for Abu Dhabi, UAE, and a regional theme park in Guadalajara, Mexico. He has a new web site at <http://www.sywa.net> and invites everyone to explore it.

## 1988

**Malcolm Nobbs '88** sent us a recent picture of his family: wife Heather, Molly, 3, and her sister Rowan, 1. They live in Toronto, where Malcolm works in the Strategic Development



Office of Grant Forest Products.



**John Mulder '88** writes: "Karen and I wanted to share some happy news with both Trafalgar and Selwyn House. We welcomed our third son, Nathan Christopher Mulder, to our family on September 8th, 2009. With three boys aged four and under, there is never a dull or quiet moment at our home! But, we're having fun; especially with all the snow we've gotten recently—lots of skating, tobogganing and skiing!"

"I've attached our Christmas card picture with Ben, 4, Jay, 2, and baby Nate (two months)."

## 1991



**Prosanto Chaudhury '91** and his wife, Debbie, are pleased to introduce the newest member of their family, Sarah Annabel Chaudhury, who arrived February 24, weighing in at 7 lbs 7oz

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(3.3kg). Mom and baby are reportedly doing well.

## 1994

**David M. Turetsky '94** became a partner at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. David is resident in the firm's New York office and practices in the Corporate Restructuring Department. He represents clients in complex business reorganizations, out-of-court restructurings and workouts, debt restructurings and insolvency matters.

## 1996



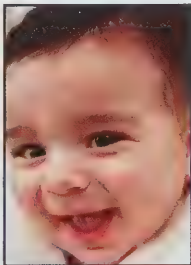
**Stuart Szabo '96** and his wife, Jahna, are the proud parents of Sophie Joan Gwendolyn, born December 19, 2009, weighing 8 lbs., 6 oz., and measuring 50 centimetres.

## CORRECTION

In last year's *Veritas*, Delano Guzzo was welcomed into the Selwyn House community as

the third son of **Vince Guzzo '86**. In fact, Delano is Vince's fourth son.

Our apologies, Vince.



## 1997



**Morgan Lackenbauer '97** married Morgen Peck at Rosecliff in Newport, Rhode Island on September 19, 2009, with a number of Old Boys in attendance. In the photos above, back row, from left: Toby No '97, Jamin Kerner '94, Ziad Kaedbey '97, Ajay Narasimhadevara '97, James Brooks '97, and Rob Stroll (LCC '98). Front: Richard Martz '97, the bride and groom, and Camilo Durana '98. The couple resides in Dedham, Massachusetts.

## 2000

In January, **Christopher Robinson 2000**, was deployed to Haiti as part of the Canadian Military relief team. As he is a completely bilingual radio operator he will be used in this capacity to set up and maintain communications between the French and non-French teams from all over the world. He is part of the logistical team that was shipped out from Valcartier on January 17.

## 2004

The December 1 issue of the *McGill Tribune* had high praise for the "even-handed and professional approach" of **Ivan Neilson 2004**, who was elected president of the Student Society of McGill University last June. "Neilson is also a gifted communicator...[who] speaks clearly and concisely," said the *Tribune*.

## 2005

On March 11, **Phil Cutler 2005** was

elected to the McGill University senate for 2010-11 with 70 per cent of the vote.

"My primary goal is to make sure that the education undergrads are represented by someone who is involved in the faculty," Phil told the *Westmount Independent*. "It has been four years since an education undergrad had a vote on senate. I also want to use my environmental background to help improve campus sustainability." The first official meeting of the new senate is in September.

Members of the Selwyn House community will recall that Phil came within 42 votes of winning the District 2 seat on Westmount city council last November.

Phil will graduate in 2012 with B. Ed. in elementary education.



**Aaron Besner 2005** pitched for the McGill Redbirds baseball team again in the fall of 2009. Once again, he made the McGill Principal's Student Athlete Academic Honour Roll for 2009. He is currently doing an exchange at the University of Toronto. He graduated this spring with distinction with a B Com in Finance from McGill. He has also passed the first leg of his CFA exam and is looking for employment in the capital markets industry. He has just returned from three weeks in Europe, traveling to France, Switzerland and Italy. ■

Goodbye to Monty

# KRINDLE

**T**he entire Selwyn House community was saddened to learn of the death of retired SHS teacher Monty Krindle on April 14. His fellow retired SHS teacher David Cude wrote the following memories of his longtime friend.

Monty Krindle was a man who seemed to know what needed to be done, and how to do it. He planned his own biology courses for Grades 9, 10 and 11, lessons, labs, tests and exams for all three terms. He had them organized to the last detail in large, black binders. Monty was not one to wing it in his biology classes. On the first day of class for his Grade 9 novitiates, he lined them up in the hallway and boomed "Gentlemen, this is the Biology Lab. It has two doors—the 'In' door, and the 'Out' door. This is the 'In' door, and this is the 'Out' door. You will go in through the 'In' door, and you will go out through the 'Out' door. Is that understood."

The latter was a statement, not a question, and it would be answered, as he knew it would, by some mumbled "yessirs."

Then, again, without raising his voice, he would say: "Is that understood."

And this time, in unison, it would be "Yes Sir!" Monty knew only too well that between classes the hallway outside his lab was a noisy rush of boys coming and going inside, outside, upstairs and downstairs. But his classes would line up, and serve as a reminder to those going by that this was the way Mr. Krindle managed things. He set the tone for hallway behaviour, and he knew how to get the boys on his side.

One year, he played Moses in one of Pat Marsh's many Elementary School pageants, in which he led the procession up the aisle between the parents and their kids seated in the Lucas gym. And an imposing Biblical figure he made, too—beard, thick arms, staff, big chest, cloak, and 1970s Birkenstocks—without socks—wrapped up with leather thongs on hefty calves. The slush puddles on the floor at the gym entrance parted as he made his way to the stage. Yes, it is true!

For casual dress, Monty often favoured the colour black. He wore black for the Friday night dances and free-dress days at school, thereby drawing double-takes from his students at the curious country-and-western transformation of Mr. Krindle—our biology teacher, weight-training coach, and yearbook editor—gone urban cowboy! Drop by his house, and there was a good chance that he would appear at the door dressed in a black shirt, black leather vest, black slacks, and black half-Wellingtons with Cuban heels. Another man in black may have been heard on the stereo in the background—recorded live at Folsom Prison—singing to a captive audience



about a boy named Sue. "Hi, Dave, good to see ya. How ya doin'? Getcha' coffee? Coke? Beer?"

For many years, Monty held an annual summer barbecue at his house in St. Lazare. There was nothing unusual about it, except that it was always scheduled in late August, just before the teachers were due to begin the new school year, right after the Labour Day weekend. When most—if not all—of us (both teachers and students, let's be honest here) were lamenting the inevitable end to the summer, Monty was busy finding a way to get some of the staff together for a last kick at the vacation can. He would email

or telephone his colleagues with the invitation, as in, "Uh, Hi. Monty here. How ya doin'?" And then, in the familiar, measured, deep tone of his voice he would outline the schedule of his event. Sort of like the voice of doom coming at you, a signal from below that the carefree days of summer were coming to an end. We were going back soon—face it—so we may as well get ready for the main event with a wingding on the Monty Montster's backyard patio with the troops. And, given Monty's university officer training during the summers at Camp Borden, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, we were the troops—and we were going to be entertained. The chat would be quite brief, a sort of catching up about what we did over the summer, and then he would joke "Okay, now you won't have to write that 'What I Did This Summer' essay when we get back." The party was fairly subdued at the beginning, you understand, until a half-dozen or so guests arrived. Then the party took on a more festive tone—what with the beer and burgers, along with wife Nancy's world-famous potato salad and fresh fruit cocktail. And so the party continued for a few hours until everyone began to think about making their way home—with some regret, to be sure. And that was that, or so most of us thought.

On that first day back, though, we always found ourselves hanging around the staff room with Monty, talking up his back-to-school bash, all of us with our refreshed camaraderie. Montster knew what needed to be done about putting teachers in a good frame of mind to go back to school, and his barbecue did it for us. Monty's guest list was the one to be on at that time of the year: Krindler's List.

Early last fall, while we were in his garage workshop moving some things left over from his rocking-horse/doghouse woodworking projects, Monty said that he had downloaded some plans for a new piece of work. "I'm going to make my

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# Alumni OBITUARIES

**Mark Bandeen '77** died at his home in La Jolla, California on October 28. He is survived by his son, Bradford Abbott, and his daughter, Blair Elizabeth; by his parents Robert and Mona Bandeen of Toronto and Sutton, Quebec; by his brothers and sisters-in-law in Canada and Europe; in Toronto by Ian and Libby and their children Ridge, Grace, Spencer and Darcy, and in London by Derek and Bonnie and their children Kelsey, Jesse, Jeffrey and Luke, and by Adam and Elizabeth and their children Kismet, Cassius and Duessa; and by his aunt Dr. Catherine Bandeen of Goderich, Ontario. He is also survived by his ex-wife Janice Gaynor Bandeen in California. Mark attended Selwyn House School in Montreal where he was an outstanding student. He wrote his I.B. at Atlantic College in Wales and proceeded to Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, where he gained his A.B. in 1983, graduating magna cum laude and as a member of the Phi Beta

Kappa Society. After working for prominent investment banks in Canada and the U.S., he moved to California and gained his M.B.A. at Stanford University in 1987. Following university, Mark worked for Genstar Capital Corporation in San Francisco and later for American Securities Capital Partners in New York. Throughout his life, Mark was an active athlete, playing rugby, football, tennis, hockey and golf. He was an avid skier, practically growing up on Mount Sutton and serving on the ski patrol in his student years. Mark also thoroughly enjoyed time spent with his Blair and Bandeen cousins. His sudden death brings to an end the life of a generous and gregarious young man, diligent in his responsibilities to his peers and family. He will be sorely missed. Mark has been cremated and the ashes will be scattered by his family at the places he loved. There will be a private ceremony at the Duart cemetery.

## Monty KRINDLE

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own coffin." Silence. Creepy thoughts of Herman Melville's *Moby Dick*, Queequeg, the ship's carpenter and Ishmael came to mind.

"Would you like some help with it?" I asked.

"Sure," he said. Monty got busy with the half-inch thick poplar boards that he had, framing "the box from which no jack will spring," as the opening line of Donald Hall's sonnet "The Funeral" has it. It had to be kosher, made of natural material. Only wooden pegs and biscuits could be used. There had to be a small opening in one bottom corner, to allow for the ascension of the spirit after burial. "My escape hatch," he said. He designed three spliced loops of manila rope slung under the coffin with a wood handle threaded on either side. This gave him the suspension and the six handles that he needed.

The lid was rimmed around the outside so that it would rest on top without being pegged down. "Don't worry about it movin', there's gonna be a ton of earth holding it down."

"Rrroll up the rim to win."

And, "How about gluing in some R20 blueboard insulation for the winter?" Gallows humour. Monty suggested we start a business. "Krindle and Cude Coffin Company." Our motto: "Not satisfied? We can dig it." Or, "Let's take this thing out to the Whistler Sliding Centre to see what it can do, ha, ha. I'll jump in and lie down, you push-ha, ha, ha." We finished the woodwork on March 26, and his youngest son Bryan brushed on the finish coats of sealer over the next few days.

When I visited Monty on April 6, he was resting comfortably. Suddenly he said, "We'll be close enough to the Laurentians."

"For what, Monty?" I asked.

"A short gravesite service, heh, heh. Blackflies and mosquitoes, heh, heh, heh."

He passed away on April 14, leaving his wife Nancy and Eric, David, Jonathan and Bryan, and was laid to rest on April 16—too soon for the blackflies to torment us. He let us off the hook, the big softie.

Yom Kippur was the only Jewish holiday that Monty observed. Every year he explained that atonement was important to him, and he didn't want to be disturbed during that time. "Don't call. I'll give you a shout early next week." The Old Testament, Micah 6, verse 8 describes how one should live the gift of life. "To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." These principles sum up the legal, ethical, and spiritual requirements of religion, and he lived them.

Finally, Monty was a man with a sense of purpose about life—and death. He wanted to make his own coffin, and he did. He didn't want to suffer needlessly, and he did not. He wanted to die at home, in his own bed, and he did. He wanted a traditional gravesite service, and he got it. He wanted a headstone just like his mother's, and he'll get that, too. He knew what needed to be done with his life, and he did it.

Think of him and—if you dare—look. Some night you will find him under your bed. The Montster. The friendly one you always hoped would be there when you were a child. ■

# David Teebenny retires after 21 years



Selwyn House kitchen staff member David Teebenny retired this year after having served the school for 21 years. "David is a true gentleman in every sense of the word," said Athletic Director Steve Mitchell in a special presentation at the Athletic Banquet on May 26.

A passionate bowler who averages 200 or more in his



Thursday night league, Dave was given a new bowling ball, as well as a team jersey and a varsity jacket.

In a special send-off lunch, Dave received good wishes from many students staff. In the photo, Dave and his wife, Karola, are being served by Dave's boss, head chef Francis Vauclair.

## Govan wins the PETE award

Who else? Selwyn House physical education teacher Peter Govan received the 2010 Physical Education Teaching Excellence (PETE) award for Quebec, Athletic Director Steve Mitchell announced at the school's Athletic Banquet on May 26.

"Each year, a branch of CAHPERD Canada called Physical



and Heath Education Canada, or PHE, calls on all schools in each province to nominate candidates for an annual award," Mr. Mitchell explained. "Each province submits their candidates to a formal committee in Ottawa and in early May, one teacher is chosen as Provincial Physical Education Teacher of the Year."

These candidates were nominated by their peers and chosen from a list of candidates by their provincial physical education association, says the PHE website. Selection was based on the quality of their physical education program, their ability to serve as positive role models epitomizing personal health and fitness, enjoyment of activity, fair play, sensitivity to the needs of students, as well as their level of participation in professional development opportunities.

Mr. Govan, who has been teaching at Selwyn House since 1972, told the *Westmount Independent* that the award is "as much a tribute to the institution and my colleagues as it is to me."

One of those colleagues, phys-ed teacher Alfie Paoletti, says Mr. Govan has been at Selwyn House so long "he knows everybody. He's at a stage where he is teaching the sons of alumni he taught several years ago."

Mr. Govan acknowledges the benefits of having established long-term relationships not only with students, but with their parents.

"You have to love what you do, and I love what I do" he told the *Independent*, promising to stay at Selwyn House for at least another 10 years.

# Think *about* Applying



OPEN HOUSES

## All Grades

Thursday, October 7

School Tours: 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Information Session for Gr. 7:  
6:00 to 7:00 pm

## Kindergarten

Friday, November 12

School Tours: 8:30 to 10:00 am

Information Session: 10:00 to 11:00 am

## See the School in Action

Join us for a school tour at 8:30 am

October 15 · 21 · 27

November 2

December 1

January 13

February 15

*Bursaries available*



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# Selwyn House School 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Old Boys' Reunion October 1, 2010

Come back to campus in October and reconnect with your old teachers and friends—and share stories of adventures new and old—over dinner and drinks.

All Old Boys and their guests, former and current staff are welcome. We hope to see many of you celebrating a special anniversary year: 1960, 1980, 1985, 1990, 2000, or 2005.

## Friday, October 1, 2010

5:00 p.m.	Tours of the Selwyn House campus
6:00 p.m.	Cocktails
7:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting and Dinner
9:30-11:00 p.m.	Pub (cash bar)



### Tickets:

\$50 by September 24  
\$60 thereafter (tickets  
available at the door)

\$25 for recent grads  
(2005-2010)

Complimentary  
dinner and cash bar  
for former staff

**RSVP at [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca)  
via the Online Event  
Registration button.**

*Cancellation:*  
Full refund for all events  
before September 24.  
No refunds thereafter.

For more information  
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